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Local Matters.

ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL.

The Exercises of the Sixth Anniversary of the Alumni Association.

The Rogers High School Alumni held their annual meeting in the chapel of the school building, Monday, President George A. Saunders, presiding. There was a large attendance at the public exercises in the afternoon, the chapel being well filled with the members and friends interested in the school. The president's address of welcome, showing the growth and importance of the association, was followed by Prof. J. L. Frank in a German song, entitled "In Diesen Heiligen Hallen." Miss Charlotte M. Wayland recited Longfellow's "Midnight Lamp for the Dying Year," in her usual excellent manner, and Wedor's Serenade was well performed by Messrs. Scott, H. B. Wood, Frank, T. W. Wood, Jr. and Miss Sarah L. Crandall. A well written history of Brown University, showing the first student in that college to have been Robert Rogers, a Newport boy and uncle to William Sanford Rogers, founder of Rogers High School, was given by Mr. Charles R. Thurston. The annual report was read by Mr. C. Brooks Stevens, the statistician of the association, and Mr. J. G. Parmenter recited an amusing parody on "Old Mother Hubbard," entitled "Sir Tray."

"Reminiscences of Old Dominies" by H. E. Turner, M. D., was the principal feature of the exercises. This was an interesting and descriptive history of the old school masters, etc.

At the close of these exercises a business meeting was held when the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

President—Joseph G. Parmenter.
First Vice President—Miss Sarah L. Crandall.
Second Vice President—Herman Lillienthal.
Recording Secretary—T. W. Wood, Jr.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lizzie H. Vernon.
Treasurer—H. C. Stevens, Jr.
Statistician—Philip M. Hammett.
Literary Committee—Miss Hattie S. Downing, John S. McAdam, Archibald B. Sayer.
Social Committee—Miss Jeannette H. Swasey, H. B. Wood, B. F. Thurston.

In the evening the members of the association held a social in the school building, which was well attended.

Aquidneck Fair.

An enthusiastic meeting of the executive committee and others interested in the winter fair of the Aquidneck Agricultural Society was held in the State House Thursday evening. There were nearly sixty persons present. Various committees and Superintendents were appointed. The season tickets were fixed at one dollar each and one hundred and fifty dollars appropriated for prizes to go with the tickets; the prizes will be six in number. Single admission will be twenty five cents. Geo. P. Lawton and William O. Greene were appointed a committee to purchase a village cart and pony to be sold on shares. The President was authorized to invite His Excellency Gov. Bourn and staff and the members of Congress to visit the fair on the evening of Jan. 23d. The fair has already had one hundred and five dollars in money presented, an expensive black walnut chamber set, two valuable dolls, a fine sleigh and many other goods too numerous to mention.

School Committee.

At a special meeting of this committee, held Monday afternoon, Chairman L. D. Davis submitted his annual report to the City Council which was adopted by the Board. This report shows the schools to be in a very satisfactory condition and calls attention to numerous recommendations in Superintendent Littlefield's excellent report, for future improvement. The finance report by Mr. T. T. Carr, estimating the expenditures for the ensuing year at $48,840, was adopted, and Messrs. Sherman and Weaver were appointed to submit the same to the Finance committee of the City Council.

The application of James Collins, of Jamestown, a former resident of Newport, for permission to send his children to the public schools here free of tuition, was refused by a vote of 9 to 2.

We hear that there will be considerable of a contest over some of the city officers. There will be three candidates for City Marshal, viz. Mr. James B. Brayton, the present incumbent, and Ex-Marshals Harwood E. Read and Wm. C. Congdon. The chances are probably about equal and the result will depend upon the staying qualities of the friends of the various candidates. The present City Engineer will probably be reelected. There will also be a contest over the office of the Captain of Police, and also over many of the policemen.

Col. Jerome Bonaparte's house in Washington was opened to a large company on Christmas eve. The children of Mr. Bonaparte, Miss Edgar and the two young men of [illegible] name, were introduced "in society." [illegible] was present and took a [illegible] The Bonaparte

[illegible] having demands to [illegible] debted to make payme[illegible]
AUGUSTUS P. SHERMAN, Executor.
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Funeral of Rev. C. E. Barrows, D. D.

The funeral services of the late Comfort E. Barrows, D.D., were held in the meeting house of the first Baptist Church, of which he had been the beloved pastor for about 19 years, on Tuesday last, at 12 o'clock, noon, according to appointment. At that hour the building was well filled by a sympathetic audience. It was neatly and appropriately draped, the pulpit was entirely covered in black, with festoons of evergreens, while on a table in front of the platform was a large and beautiful floral emblem representing "The Gates Ajar," (the gift of the church.) Promptly at the hour appointed, the casket, preceded by Rev. Drs. Randolph and Thayer, was borne up the centre aisle by the under-bearers, Deacons Hazard, Nason and Hildreth, and Brother Frank Barker of the bereaved church, the entire audience standing until the casket was placed in position in front of the pulpit platform. A beautiful floral crown (a gift from Dr. George B. Peck of Providence, and a member of this church), a wreath from the Sabbath School, and a simple bunch of flowers surmounted the casket.

The bearers were Revs. H. A. Cook of Boston; J. S. Swain, and F. C. Morris of Providence; and Samuel I. Carr of this city. If we mistake not every Protestant Church in the city was represented by its pastor, and more or less of its members.

The services were under the supervision of Rev. Warren Randolph, D. D., Pastor of the Central Baptist Church in this city, and were in the following order:

Anthem—"Rest, Spirit, Rest," By the Choir.
Prayer of Invocation,
By Rev. H. N. Jeter of the Shiloh Baptist Church.
Selections from the Scriptures,
By Rev. Frank Rector, of the Second Baptist Church.
Hymn 1130—"It is not death to die," etc.

Dr. Randolph then introduced Rev. Samuel W. Field, who was the pastor of the Pine Street Baptist Church in Providence, in 1849, the time and place of conversion of deceased, and who had the privilege of afterwards leading him down into the water and burying him with Christ in baptism, and extending to him the right hand of church fellowship.

The next speaker was Rev. Dr. Bullen of Pawtucket, and intimate friend of the deceased, and Representative from the Rhode Island State Baptist Convention.

Dr. Randolph then mentioned that letters had been received from Rev. Dr. E. E. Robins, of Rochester, and Rev. Dr. Robinson, of Brown University, expressing sympathy and regretting inability to be present at the obsequies. Rev. Dr. Lincoln of Newton Theological Institute also sent a similar letter. The choir then sung the 1138th hymn, "Pastor, thou art from us taken" Rev. Dr. Bixby of Providence was then introduced, who spoke of the death of Dr. Barrows as a joy, as well as sorrow, and although his loss to the church and community was great, yet it was gain to him who had taken his place among the redeemed in Heaven. Prayer was then offered by the venerable Dr. Thayer, pastor emeritus, of the Congregational Church, followed by the singing of the 1135th hymn, "Servant of God, well done," followed by the benediction by Rev. Dr. Randolph.

Frequently the speakers referred to the death and funeral services of Mrs. Harriet W. Barrows, whose funeral services occurred on the 16th of March last, and it was evident that our friend will not soon be forgotten.

After the benediction the large audience was permitted to pass by the casket and take a last look at the face of the deceased pastor, and few, if any, declined the final opportunity, after which the remains were conveyed to their last earthly resting place where they now sleep quietly beside the dear ones who preceded him only a short time ago.

"The angel of death who bore the loved one away opened the heavens as he ascended—and now the eye of faith penetrates, the heart of faith lives in that spiritual world. There is sorrow and trembling yet. But there is hope, the anchor of the soul. There is faith, the very substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. There is prayer and communion, the soul's pinions on which it soars to the bright presence of the spirits it here loved, the Savior whom it trusts, the Father in whom it dwells. From the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. It is the light of God's countenance and it irradiates the features, the souls with which we have long been familiar, with which we may now live forever.

"Is not the dream of heaven more sweet,
Bright with those living forms of love?
Does not each trial that we meet,
Raise our wrapt spirit more above?

"Yes, death that pales our crumbling cheek,
Tells of an angel's opening bliss;
Again we view the form we seek,
Bright with immortal happiness."

Dangerous Accident.

Thursday evening as a party of fifteen gentlemen were on their way to the installation of the officers of Oakland Lodge, in Stewart's drag, drawn by four horses and driven by Mr. S. S. Vars, the entire party were upset near the top of Buffum's hill in Middletown. The road is very icy at this place and somewhat sidling. The wind was blowing almost a gale and when the driver put on the brake to ease the load down the hill, the wind struck the rear part of the drag and slewed it round, throwing down both of the pole horses and upsetting the vehicle. The sides of the carriage were down and the wonder is that some of the occupants had not been killed or seriously injured. As it was they all escaped with only slight scratches and bruises. It was found impossible to extricate the horses without cutting the harnesses as one of the animals was lying on his back in the gutter and the other was nearly on top of him. The horses as well as occupants escaped with only slight injuries. The party was composed of Messrs. Henry T. Easton, Enoch G. Young. W. Lovie Tilley, S. B. Gladding, James E. Weaver, Allen C. Griffith, John B. Allen, M. Keene, Thomas Crosby, Albert Crosby, Robert Pike, Geo. Rounds, Arthur Gladding, and two others whose names we did not learn.

After the accident the party started on foot for their destination. They were, however, soon taken up by another team of Stewart's, and at the close of the exercises [illegible] to town.

BIND[illegible] schools have [illegible] holiday vacation.

SOCIETY ELECTIONS.

Rhode Island Lodge, No. 12, I. O. of O. F.

At the annual meeting of this lodge, held at their hall Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year and will be installed Monday evening:

Noble Grand—John B. Allen.
Vice Grand—Allen C. Griffith.
Recording Secretary—Ernest Guffe.
Permanent Secretary—Jere. W. Horton.
Treasurer—John H. Crosby, Jr.
Trustees—Benjamin Bateman, John C. Stoddard, Thomas Crosby.
Janitor—A. J. Ward.

Esther Lodge, No. 5, D. of R.

At a special meeting of this lodge, held Saturday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Noble Grand—Mrs. William Allen.
Vice Grand—Mrs. W. J. H. Ailman.
Secretary—Miss Sarah E. Bliss.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. J. Carry.

Coronet Council, No. 63, Royal Arcanum.

At the annual meeting, held on Friday evening of last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Regent—George E. Vernon, Jr.
Vice Regent—John H. Wetherell.
Orator—F. G Harris.
Past Regent—W. J. Cozzens.
Secretary—James W. Langley.
Collector—John M. Taylor.
Treasurer—Thomas P. Peckham.
Chaplain—Willard Eddy.
Guide—George H. Wilbor.
Warden—George L. Scott.
Sentry—John B. Gorton.
Trustees—Robert S. Franklin, George F. Crandall, Lewis Brown.

Berkeley Lodge, No. 410, K. & L. of H.

At the annual meeting of this lodge, Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months:

Protector—Charles A. Gillen.
Vice Protector—Mrs. H. Jouvet.
Sec. & Fin. Sec.—Francis Stanhope.
Treasurer—James H. Goddard.
Chaplain—Mrs. Jas H. Goddard.
Guide—Mrs. Chas. H. Chase.
Guardian—H. Jouvet.
Sentinel—Robert McIntosh.
Past Protector—Allen H. Bishop.

Death of Herbert S. Peckham.

Mr. Herbert S. Peckham who died last Saturday morning at the residence of Mr. John Allan on Spring street at the early age of 19 years, was a son of Matilda T. and the late John O. Peckham of this city, and was a young man of much promise. He was well known here, having worked for Mr. W. Lovie Tilley and subsequently acted as clerk in the Aquidneck National Bank. The latter place he resigned some time since to accept a more lucrative position with his grandfather, Mr. A. T. Peckham, in Boston, where he remained until that fatal disease, consumption, forced him to withdraw.

His funeral was solemnized at noon on Wednesday, Revs. Joseph Hullingshead and Edgar F. Clarke and Miss Mary A. Gifford, officiating.

The City Council Wednesday night, dealt with a liberal hand with the tax payers money. In the first place they voted to lease the Haddock place on Broadway, for the poor house, at an expense of $840 a year. It is estimated that it will take $10,000 to put the property in order for the use of the poor. This is a valuable estate and probably the price for which it can be purchased by the city, $14,000, is a reasonable offer.

The council also voted to buy land for the engine houses and ward rooms, for the second and third wards, at an expense of one dollar per square foot each. The one in the second ward is to be located on the Webb estate, opposite Equality Park, near Broadway, a much better site than the one first talked of, but not the best place that could be found. The third ward house will be on land of Carl Jurgens, on Mill street, nearly opposite present location.

NEWPORT, Dec. 31st 1883

Mr. Editor:—Your correspondent "an old whaler," in his interesting article published in your last issue, speaking of California, as it was in 1844, and contrasting it with the California of the present time, might have said much more, to prove which we will give the following statistics from pages published in San Francisco, within a month.

On the 11th inst., there were lying in the port of San Francisco, under engagement, 48 ships with a total tonnage of 67,719 tons, an average of 1416 tons to each ship. Besides these there was 134,000 tons of disengaged shipping, and at the same time there was on the way, or engaged to come 170,000 tons, and all this was for the transportation of the wheat crop alone.

During the year 26 vessels have been built, and 7 more were in the process of construction.

Over 800 houses have been built in this city, at a cost of $5,280,000, during the year 1883. SON OF "AN OLD WHALER."

Nicholas Geoffroy, who died in New York on Sunday last, was a native of Newport and was born in 1809. He had been a resident of New York for at least half a century. He was by trade a jeweler. He was a half brother of Oliver Geoffroy, who was for many years the proprietor of the "Gibson House" in Cincinnati. He will be remembered by many of our older citizens.

John Horswell, who recently died in Danvers, Mass., and whose remains were interred in Pawtucket on Tuesday last was also a native of Newport and a brother of James Horswell, Esq. He removed hence to Pawtucket where he resided many years. He afterwards moved to Danvers, Mass., where he died. By occupation he was a tailor and draper, and his place of business in Newport is now occupied by Mr. Mayberry.

Tuesday morning William Martin, a young man living on Fair street, met with a severe accident by falling from the upper staging, on the new building on Commercial wharf, to the ground, a distance of thirty feet. He was removed to his home in an unconscious condition, and was attended by two physicians. He is less hurt than was at first supposed, no bones having been broken, and will probably soon recover.

Mr. Geo. A. Armstrong, one of our older citizens, died suddenly at his residence, on Wednesday night. He was one of the trustees of the Island Savings Bank, and was we believe at one time engaged in the hotel business. His funeral will be solemnized [illegible] residence on Bull street, Mon-

CITY COUNCIL.

The Last Meeting an Important One—Three Vexed Questions Settled—John C. Haddock's Estate on Broadway Leased for a Poorhouse for Five Years, and Land Purchased in the Second and Third Wards for new Engine Houses and Ward Rooms—The Perry Statue to be Placed on Washington Square.

The last meeting of the City Council for the municipal year of seven months, ending December 31, 1883, was held Wednesday evening with all members present, Mayor Franklin presiding over the Board of Aldermen, and President Bacheller over the Common Council. The session was short but active, much important business being transacted, and when the meeting broke up it was with the feeling that it had been one of the pleasantest of the year.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and received, and on its recommendation City Treasurer Coggeshall was authorized to pay Thomas H. Lawton $1500 in full for all damages sustained by said Lawton in falling over a carriage block in front of J. S. Bronson's estate on Washington street, last March, providing Mr. Bronson will pay $500 to the city. On the committee's further recommendation the following bills were ordered paid from the several appropriations:

Watch and Police,	$1,604 46
Newport Asylum	725.73
Public Schools,	1,086.84
Paupers and Vagrants,	234.54
Streets and Highways,	1,729.52
Sewers,	253 58
Fire Department,	2 0?2.72
Lighting Streets,	2,030.96
Books, Stationery and Printing,	176 48
Salaries,	1,450 8
Public Parks,	13 40
Burial Grounds,	150.00
Ward Meetings,	150 00
Dog Fund,	2.00
Removal of Swill and House Offal,	812 80
Jewish Synagogue Fund,	239.63
Incidentals,	854.95
Total,	$14,197.14

The report of the committee appointed to confer with Overseers of the Poor as to the best method of caring for the city's poor, was read and received and on its recommendation the City Treasurer was authorized to lease the John C. Haddock estate on Broadway, for five years, at a rental of $840 per annum and the taxes. The committee considered the idea of putting the poor out to board an impracticable one, and, feeling that the people were determined not to purchase a site at present, concluded that to lease a good place for a term of years would be the best thing under the circumstances. The Council had evidently come to the same conclusion and the recommendations were adopted without a dissenting vote in either branch. The estate recommended is on the east side of Broadway, about three-quarters of a mile from the State House, and contains 71,113 square feet of land. The premises include a large square house with thirteen rooms in good condition and a barn.—The committee recommend that a separate building, for men, be erected in the rear of the main house, and estimate that the expense of putting up such a building with accommodations for forty inmates, together with the support of the institution for one year, would not exceed $10,000. According to the provisions of the lease the city have the privilege of purchasing the estate at any time within three years for $14 000 and within five years for $15,000, and of removing all improvements, like new buildings, etc, at the expiration of lease, if they do not purchase the estate.

The report of the committee on City Property, stating that the Society of Friends would not sell any part of their estate on Mann avenue without the whole, was read and received, and on its recommendation the committee on Fire Department were authorized to purchase of the Webb estate a lot of land 34x100 feet for an engine house and ward room in the second ward, at a cost of $3400. This lot is situated between Broadway and West Broadway, fronting on Equality Park on the south, and for the purpose is a much more desirable location than that proposed on Mann avenue. The Fire Department committee were also authorized to purchase of Carl Jurgens a lot of land 40x100 feet on Mill street for an engine house and ward room in the third ward, at a cost of $4000.—This location is just opposite where the engine house is now.

The report of the committee, appointed to confer with the executive committee of the Perry Monument association relative to the location of the monument, was read and received. It recommended Washington square as the most suitable location, and a resolution, authorizing them, in joint action with the association, to select the particular site on this square, was passed.

The report of City Marshal Brayton was read and received.

A committee consisting of Alderman Kaull and Councilmen Stanhope and Redford were appointed to make arrangements for the inauguration of the new city government.

The report of City Engineer H. A. Bentley, showing an expenditure on streets of $1729.02 leaving a balance of $97.15; and on sewers $2558, leaving a balance of 56 48, was read and received and referred to the Committee on Streets and Highways.

John W. Ellis and others, representing that gas and water are very much needed on Victoria ave., and that the water and gas companies will not put in their mains without a guarantee of a certain amount of patronage, petitioned the honorable body to order a number of hydrants and street lamps to be placed in that locality. Received and referred to the Committee on Fire Department. A petition from the same parties, asking that Victoria-ave. be curbed and graded, was received and referred to the Committee on Streets and Highways.

Petitions for Street Lamps on Bedlow-ave., Beach st., and Sunny Side court, were received and referred to the Committee on Gas and Lamps.

On recommendation of the Assessors of Taxes John Maher was given permission to withdraw his petition for a remission of taxes, and on recommendation of Tax Collector Allman several unpaid taxes were ordered charged to the estates and numerous personal tax payers, mostly for $300, were dropped from the list.

On recommendation of the Committee on Gas and Lamps, two electric lights were ordered placed at the lower end of Thames-st., two gas lamps on Holland-st., and one gas lamp on Spring-st.

A communication from Fred W. Sprague, asking permission to address the body, was read and received and laid on the table indefinitely.

Resolutions were passed in the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, thanking His Honor Mayor Franklin and President Bacheller for the unprejudiced manner in which they had presided over the respective bodies, to which the gentlemen made appropriate replies.

After referring all unfinished business to the new council, it was voted to adjourn to Monday afternoon next, at 2 o'clock.

THE FESTIVE BOARD.

General A. L. Burdick, the Retiring Councilman from the Fifth Ward Banquets the City Government at the Perry House.

At the close of the meeting of the City Council Wednesday evening, General Burdick, the retiring member from the Fifth Ward, invited "all hands" to meet him at the Perry House. Knowing what this invitation, coming from that popular gentleman, meant it was eagerly accepted, and a short time thereafter the entire City Council, together with numerous "outsiders" were happily ensconced in one of the comfortable parlors of that house, listening to the hearty laugh and witty sayings of their genial host. After about half an hour spent thus socially the general asked his guests to follow him to the dining hall. Here a huge table, loaded down with all the agencies necessary to create and at the same time appease an appetite, and surrounded by courteous and well trained waiters, awaited his action.

Remarking that speech would be more ready on a full stomach than an empty one the jolly host asked his guests to get to work at once, which they did. The general occupied the seat at the head of the table with His Honor Mayor Franklin on his right and President Bacheller on his left. Besides the members of the city government and press, there were present Dr. H. E. Turner, Ex-Alderman Bull, City Marshal Brayton, Councilman-elect Austin, City Sergeant Westcott and Officer Donman.

After the pleasing exercise of eating had been gone through with, speeches were in order, and each man called upon was introduced by the gallant general with pleasing anecdotes, etc., which kept up continual merriment about the festive board.

The reception came to a close about 12 o'clock, when all present rose and drank the general's good health. The following poem composed for the occasion by Mr. Pearce of the Providence Star was read by that gentleman:—

This evening, good friends, you are gathered together,
You make a full quorum, regardless of weather;
You meet at the call of a veteran member
Whose functions expired with the close of December.
The General must go—or indeed has departed,
But it does not appear that he's quite broken hearted;
Though he says if his vote had been a bit stronger
He might have consented to hold the seat longer.
But the General, forsooth, has no cause for crying.
For sure he goes out with colors all flying,
And every one of him good words are saying,
Hark—listen—e'en now we most hear the band playing.
A good many years has he been in this body,
Nor has it appeared he was made up of shoddy,
But of solid material, as good as they make 'em,
If it is not so, here's our dimes, you may take 'em.
He was a friend to the firemen—they never had better,
He championed their cause right up to the letter;
But the General was never, friends, quite so near heaven
As when he commanded the old Number Seven.
And the boys, how they loved him, for he always was ready,
To launch out the ducats to keep the ark steady;
And to keep matters right none ever worked harder
Than Burdick to govern those rampant fifth warders.
And, friends, I presume that all of you knew well
Of the time when he took the boys all down to Lowell,
Their reception, while gone, was a continued ovation,
Such as would have honored the head of the nation.
And then when the General had his great jubilee,
A three days' grand shin-dig, with everything free,
Down Bellevue avenue was the place for the meeting,
With everything lovely both for drinking and eating.
He had men from away as guests of the Sevens,
Escorted them 'round by the tens and elevens,
He showed them the elephant and gave them good cheer,
Till they wished that the shindig would last all the year.
But things getting crooked past easy correction,
He turned his fine talent in another direction;
Swung loose from the firemen, their rattle and clatter,
And directed his thoughts to weightier matters.
The First Brigade being without a commander,
The General Assembly, not wishing to pander
To improper promptings or causeless ambition,
Unanimously voted our host the position.
No record they sought, nor for other things caring,
Their aim was the man and his true martial bearing.
He accepted the place, for so goes the story,
Covered himself over with gold-lace and glory;
Yes, mounted his charger equipped all for battle,
'Mid the music of bands and keen sabres' rattle.
Talk about foes! 'Twas the General did meet them,
And 'twas not his fault if he didn't defeat them.
He marshalled his forces and got them together,
'Twas the Fall of the year, and October weather;
For a hang-up parade he made preparations,
He'd scoured the whole State and Providence Plantations,
And he'd brought here the cohorts from every quarter,
In fighting condition, by land and by water;
But Jupiter Pluvius, who, saith the tradition,
Envied the General his fame and commission,
Came down in his fury, his forces deploying,
Intent on the General's fine programme destroying.
Our hero defied him, his forces parading
Every street in the town, and its lanes enfilading;
And even had thoughts, it is said, of entrenching.
E'en though every man in the line got a drenching.
For hours they persisted while J. P. was pelting
With rain-drops in hopes of their cuticle melting,
But they marched the whole route in spite of the weather,
With more or less damage to gold-lace and feather.
Of the General's precision in deploying his columns,
Did space but allow me I might indite volumes;
I've given a little by way of 'lustration,
You'll find it all down in th' archives of the nation
But the needs of the service a change now requiring,
We see the brave General with honors retiring.
Henceforth we shall view him in altered condition,
And filling with credit a civil position.
The service the General has been to the city,
Both in Council chamber and in committee,
Would make a long story and well worth the telling,
But then 'twould our doggerel unduly be swelling.
He was talked of for Mayor, and made a good showing,
And the fact of his failure was quite largely owing,
Indeed it was hinted to be the chief reason,
He'd have Fourth of July the whole of the season.
But he's made a good record wherever you've put him,
Indeed if in prison you closely should shut him,
He'd still have a racket of some kind or other,
Contrive, in some manner, old fogies to bother.
He managed, you know, through a deal of hard fighting,
In giving the city a system of lighting
Which every one's pleased with who thinks aught about it,
And you could not persuade them to again be without it.
He stood shoulder to shoulder with Coggeshall, defying
The croakers and growlers, while steadily trying
To s'plant hand engines with our present fine steamers,
Nor quailed they when charged with being wild schemers.
He failed, true, in getting a street by the water,
But then, fellow citizens, what does that matter?
It's only a question of time, and you know it,
When by vote of tax-payers the city will do it.
But alas! won't there be, now, a great lamentation
When we come to another Fourth 'July celebration?
There'll be wailing and gnashing of teeth through the city
Because the good General doesn't head the committee.
The Council will miss him in all of their meetings;
His silvery laugh and his ever kind greeting,
You may search the whole State, you will search it in vain,
You will never find another man like him again.

Mercury Almanac.

The following is the list of advertisers in the Mercury Almanac for 1884:

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A. O. Landers, Fancy Goods, 167 Thames st.
R & W. Franklin, Bakers, Spring and Mary sts.
W. C. Langley & Son, Merchant Tailors, 174 and 176 Thames st.
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Fred. W. Greene, Hatter, 134 Thames st.
G. B. Reynolds & Co., Coal and Wood, Thames st.
Carry Bros., Fish and Fruit, 257 and 259 Thames st.
W. A. Stoddard, Continental Market, 122 Broadway.
G. P. Leonard, Laundry, Pond avenue.
A. L. Burdick, Painter and Carriage Dealer, 158 Spring st.
S. T. Hubbard, Dining Rooms, 157 Thames st.
John B. Mason, Grain Dealer, 349 Thames street.
Conroy & Sullivan, Plumbers, 319 Thames street.
Pinniger & Manchester, Coal Dealers, Perry Mill wharf.
W. F. Spingler, Artistic Furniture, 15, 17 & 19 Franklin st.
John E. Groff, Druggist, 302 Thames st.
John Alderson, Merchant Tailor, 142 Bellevue av.
James B. Finch, Lumber, etc., Lopez wharf.
E. P. Marsh, Furniture, 155 Thames st.
Ara Hildreth, Block and Pump Maker, Bowen wharf.
Mutual District Telegraph and Messenger Co., 255 Thames st.
Brown & Howard, Coal and Wood, Brown & Howard's wharf.
A. T. Wood, Carriage Maker, West Broadway & Collins st.
A. L Leavitt, Photograph Galley, 195 Thames st.
D. L. Cummings, Jeweler, 146 Thames st.
D. C. Denham, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, 276 Thames st.
R. H. Tilley, Periodicals, 208 Thames st.

Real Estate Sales.

Wm. P. Sheffield has sold a lot of land 50x100 feet on Halsey street, to Andrew McMahon for $450.

George P. Gore and wife, have quit-claimed their interest in a lot of land 158x228 feet, on Catharine street, to Alfred T. Tompkins for $3000.

Wm. E. Tripp has sold a lot of land 35x100 feet, on Houston avenue, to Elmer E. Tucker, for $1500.

Thos. Burlingham, auctioneer, sold on Monday, by order of C. M. Lee, master in chancery, the Bryer property, as follows: House and lot corner of Bull and Mt. Vernon streets, to Wm. B. Sherman for $3450; house and lot adjoining on Bull street on the east, to John Lake, of Bristol, for $2450; estate corner of Broadway, Marlboro street and West Broadway, to Patrick Horgan, for $4750.

The store in Cozzens block, vacated by Fred. W. Greene, will be occupied by Newton Hammond as a branch to his Bellevue avenue confectionery store.

CITY BRIEFS.

Jottings of Newport and Newporters.

Mr. Walter H. Lewis vacated his cottage on Ochre Point yesterday, and returned to New York.

The Lawton House at Stone Bridge, Tiverton, has been sold to George Alexander of New York on private terms.

Members of Rogers High School class of '76 have had a silk banner bearing the class shield and motto placed in the school chapel.

A regular January thaw has prevailed in Newport since the month came in, keeping the streets in a horrible condition.

Mr. Wilson Sherman of this city, who has been seriously ill at the Massachusetts General Hospital, is reported convalescent.

William G. Turner, a Newport boy, has been selected as the artist to construct the Perry Statue.

The annual meeting of the Aquidneck Agricultural Society will be held at the State House, on Saturday next, at 11 o'clock.

Prof. T. Whiting Bancroft, of Brown University, will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist church, tomorrow, (Sunday). Services, 10 30 A. M., and 3.45 P. M.

Mr. W. W. Corcoran of Washington, celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday Thursday.—He made his usual annual visit to the Louise Home for Aged Ladies, founded by him in memory of his daughter Louise.

We recommend our readers to get a copy of "Father Gander's chimes." It will amuse and delight the children, and the whole household will be pleased with it. See advertisement in another column.

Mr. B. W. Pearce, the venerable Star correspondent, is to have the "General's Reception" put into pamphlet form. It will be a handsome book well worth a place on the centre table.

The Stevens mansion, at Fifth avenue and Fifty-seventh street, New York, has at last been sold. Mrs. William C. Whitney, wife of the late Corporation Counsel, is the purchaser, and the price paid was $600,000.

The contract for removing the swill and house offal from the Fifth ward for the ensuing year has been awarded to Peter Murphy. The price is to be $750, making the total amount for the five wards of $3450.

The Channing Chimes ushered in the New Year on Tuesday morning with the following tunes: 1st, "Peal;" 2d, "Fading, Still Fading;" 3d, "Benevento;" 4th, "Old Hundred."

The $14 lamp offered by the St. Nicholas to the person who could guess the nearest to the weight of the holiday sign over the door, was won by Mrs. Wm. H. Freeborne and Mr. S. S. Vars, both guessing thirty pounds, the exact weight.

The Church Improvement Society connected with the Second Baptist church, held this week's meeting at the residence of Mr. William Brownell on Tuesday evening. It was Mr. Brownell's seventy-seventh birthday, and the evening was most agreeably spent.

Dr. A. P. Baker, agent, has notified the occupants of the building Nos. 153 and 155 Thames street, that they must vacate on or before the first of April. It is understood that the building is to be remodeled and improved and have a new front, etc.

Drs. W. H. Cotton and Jas. H. Taylor of this city, attended the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Association in Providence, Wednesday. Dr. Cotton was chosen President of the association. This being the second time that that distinguished honor has been bestowed upon the genial doctor.

Pierre Lorillard gave a Christmas present of $17,600 to the employes of his Jersey City tobacco factory. It averaged a week's wages to each of the 3000 men, women, boys and girls. W. H. Vanderbilt's Christmas gift was a $60,000 one to himself. He paid that sum for a Fifty fourth street lot, so that nobody could interfere with the view from his bay window.

The benefit ball given by the Scandinavian society in Hertgen's hall on Thames street, New Year's Eve, proved a grand success in every particular. The New Hampshire orchestra supplied the music and dancing was kept up till 3 o'clock on New Year's morning. The members are highly pleased with the liberal attendance of outside parties, and will probably soon repeat the entertainment.

The stern wheel steamer Merrimac, of Lawrence, Mass., arrived in our harbor on Tuesday afternoon last. She is bound to Jacksonville, Florida, where it is said she has been sold although her inspection certificate dated Dec. 19th, 1883; says she belongs to Benjamin F. Butler. She is a new boat built to run on the Merrimac River, but has made only one trip her draught of water being too great for the route for which she was intended. She is very finely fitted and furnished and will proceed as soon as the weather will permit. She goes to New York, and will then take what is known as the inside route as far as is practicable. She lies at the wharf of G. B. Reynolds & Co, and is worthy of a visit.

At the Grave on New Year's Day.

Here we lay our loved one fair,
To-day, the first of the year,
With placid face and silvery hair,
Our cherished one lies here.

A pastor, friend and brother, he
Hath left us here to weep;
Resigned to God's will we must be—
He sleepeth—a blessed sleep.

Why weep, why sad, our brother now
Hath gone with Christ to dwell;
Heard you not oft the story, how
He doeth all things well?

Mansions bright I shall prepare,
The Christ did say when here below,
A shining mansion He hath there
For Comfort Edwin Barrows.

He hath gone on this, his wedding day,
To meet his bride beloved:
His dear one whom he parted with,
Whom God did call above.

Why drop the tear!
Why mourning here!
Through death comes life,
Our loved ones lay
In earth, awaiting
The "Rising Day."

When Christ shall come
And with a shout
Shall bid His children own,
The blood-washed army of the Lord,
To shout the "Harvest Home."
T. H. JETER.

Best [illegible] Cut Flowers at Lowest Prices.

Poetry.

Sweet Quakeress.

Sweet Quakeress in sober suit of gray,
The brightest livery that thy sect allows;
Thy fair, fond face shines back on me to-day,
Thy soft voice breathes thy tender "thee's" and "thou's."

Sweet "thee's" and "thou's!" were witchery e'er so strange
As that with which the liquid tones befell?
Were e'er so quickly forged such golden chains
As those thy small white fingers linked so well?

The grave, quaint banding of the soft, bright hair,
Thy little cap so lovingly confined;
The sunset look thy features seemed to wear,
The gentle thoughts that ruled thy quiet mind.

Ah, well I mind me of thy violet eyes,
Thy meekest maidenhood's most modest ways,
The roseate dawning of thy sweet surprise,
Thy half incredulous, yet fond amaze;

Thy trembling answer, "Friend, I hold thee dear,"
Were ever words so sweet, so simply spoken?
Divinest music to my raptured ear,
Divinest pledging of a faith unbroken.

Lost maiden, through the gathering gloom of years,
Thy well-loved face and form I yet discover;
And, thro' a blinding, dazing mist of tears,
I stretch my hand to thee, who loved no other.

Sweet Quakeress, in sober suit of gray,
My life's long color my true grief avows;
Ever thy robe clings round me—night and day
I hear thy tender "thee's and thou's."

The Milkmaid.

A NEW SONG TO AN OLD TUNE.

Across the grass I see her pass;
She comes with tripping pace—
A maid I know and March winds blow
Her hair across her face:—
With a hey, Dolly! ho, Dolly!
Dolly shall be mine,
Before the spray is white with May,
Or blooms the eglantine.

The March winds blow, I watch her go:
Her eye is brown and clear;
Her cheek is brown, and soft as down
(To those who see it near!)
With a hey, etc.

What has she not that they have got—
The dames that walk in silk!
If she binds her 'kerchief blue
Her neck is white as milk,
With a hey, etc.

Let those who will be proud and chill!
For me, from June to June,
My Dolly's words are sweet as curds—
Her laugh is like a tune;—
With a hey, etc.

Break, break to hear, O crocus-spear!
O tall Lent-lilies, flame!
There'll be a bride at Easter-tide,
And Dolly is her name.
With a hey, Dolly! ho, Dolly!
Dolly shall be mine—
Before the spray is white with May,
Or blooms the eglantine.

Austin Dobson in Harper's.

Selected Tale.

TEDDY.

In 1853 we lived in one of the hill towns on the upper Ohio. It was a dingy, disheartening place. The streets along the river were lined with glass and steel mills, and the hills walling in the back of the town were honeycombed with coal mines. The air was heavy with the rolling bituminous smoke, and the low brick houses were streaked with soot.

It was as commonplace and ignoble a spot, perhaps, as any in which men work and live. Yet there, as everywhere else, heroic deeds were simply and unconsciously done. "Epaminondas did not need Olympus to help him to die, nor the Syrian sunshine."

One little incident of our life there may be worth telling.

Honor Neal was a plump, merry little Irish widow, who worked early and late as a washerwoman to support herself and her son.

One day Mrs. Sprout, one of her employers—a lady who controlled her own family so well that she had time to manage the affairs of all her neighbors—stopped her at the gate.

"Honor, it is time that great boy of yours was put to some regular employment. He cannot spend all his life carrying baskets of clothes."

"Indade, an' that's thrue. An' he's got a foine head on him, Teddy has. But he seems to be dull in the use of his hands, mem."

"Lazy, eh? Has he had any schooling?"

"Och, he has that same. Father Ryan he saw the foine head he had, an' took him in the parish school, to make a praste of him. But he was dull at the Latin an' he sint him home."

"He's good for nothing then?"

"Indade, mem, an' it's he as has the great head for spiders an' bugs. He has a big collection."

"Send him here, to-night. I'll get my husband to put him to work in the store. He ought to be earning something instead of spending his time in the fields gathering bugs."

But Teddy proved as dull at weighing sugar or measuring molasses as he was at Latin. He knew every cranny and hiding-place in the hills within ten miles, but he never could find the starch or tape measure in the shop. He could tell you the color and habits of every bird, fish or moth in the woods, but he stared vacantly at customers across the counter when they asked for "Lone Jack" or "Nigger Head."

In a fortnight he had an empty corner of the shop filled with his bottles of snakes, or sheets of beetles and butterflies. Did an old woman want balm, or a balsam apple, Teddy was eager to run to the hills if his employer would allow him to go. He was the guide for many of the berrying parties which the young folks started during the summer. Everybody, in fact, liked the slow spoken, gentle lad, whose big gray eyes stared absently at them everywhere but in the woods, where he became a boy, keen and alert.

But in September Mr. Sprout discharged him as utterly worthless for shop work. A week later I met his mother.

"Is it Teddy? Och an' he's fixed for life, now! Mrs. Sprout she got the boss av Fenton coal mine to take him on thrial. It's a foin place, she says, an' he'll make good wages."

Poor Ted, shut up in a coal pit! It seemed to me to be born for a lad in the woods, as much as a deer, fox, or any other wild creature.

When the fall came we used to beg Teddy to be free from his grimy prison for a day, to go with us to the woods; but to no purpose. His mind was set on "getting on," steady work, an' was done with runnin' wild like a ground-squirrel."

I met him once at nightfall, creeping home—thin and stooped, his eyes looking big and wild in the black mass of coal dust that covered his face and clothes.

There had recently been some accidents in the neighboring mines from the caving in of a shaft.

"Take care of yourself, Teddy," I said. "I wish you were out of that pit."

Teddy's eyes twinkled in the black. "I kin git out av that pit any minute I plaze," he said, lowering his voice. "I found a crack back of Pressly's Hills a year ago. It's a hole ladin' into the mine. Nothin' kin happen to me in there."

The very next day there was an alarm through the town. There had been an explosion in Fenton's mine, and thirty men were buried. Whether they were living or dead nobody knew.

The church bells rang furiously. Everybody left their dinners—it was about 1 o'clock—and ran to the streets. The crowd emptied itself from the Court House, and judge, lawyers and jury left the prisoner and the constable in the dock, and joined the throng rushing down the river road.

The community was small. Everybody knew these 30 men. Their wives and children were gathered at the mouth of the pit. They all belonged to Father Ryan's flock, but Mr. Knox the Methodist parson, and Dr. Floyd, the Episcopalian, were busy as he quieting and cheering them.

Honor was sitting on the bank; not crying like the others. Her round face looked pinched and drawn. A basket of newly ironed clothes stood beside her, for she had been on her way home with them when the dull report of the explosion was heard. Mrs. Sprout was near her, sobbing and talking loudly.

"Teddy's in there," she cried as I came up. "I sent him there; I wish I had left himat home. It's always my luck when I do the best I can to help people!"

At that moment there was a shout from the men at work at the mouth of the mine, and some 20 of the miners emerged from the mouth of the pit, stunned and terrified by the explosion, but otherwise unhurt, Teddy was not among them.

"Where are the other men?" demanded Father Ryan, as soon as he could make himself heard.

"Where's Teddy Neal?" cried Mrs. Sprout, catching the foreman by the shoulder and pushing his sobbing wife aside.

"They were in a back passage behind the heap of slate made by the explosion."

"Where is the boy?" said Mrs. Sprout, impatiently.

"He turned back to go to them. I could not help it!" he exclaimed, appealing to Dr. Floyd. "He would have it that he knew a way out of the back of the mine; and that if it were open, he could guide the men through it."

"How did he get to them?"

"There was a crack at the top of the heap of slate, an' he's such a lean little chap that he wriggled through with our pushing him behind."

"You pushed him to his death!" Mrs. Sprout screamed. And then a sudden silence fell on the crowd.

Every man and woman there understood that the boy had not five chances in ten for life when he crawled into the blackness of the walled up pit to save his fellow workmen, and that he had deliberately taken the risk.

Father Ryan said something to the foreman, carefully lowering his voice, that Honor might not hear of firedamp."

"So I told the boy, your reverence. But he was determined to go. I could not stop him."

There was nothing for us to do but wait.

The men were in the heart of the hill, which rose before us quiet in the sunshine, with its black seam yawning through the grass and weeds. It was now impossible to reach them; if alive they were doubtlessly struggling through the back passages of the mine toward the outlet which Teddy had found, or thought he had.

Every man of the crowd believed the boy to be mistaken. It was not likely that such an opening could exist, and no miner ever have discovered it. But nobody had the heart to hint a doubt with Honor and the wives and mothers of the buried men to hear it.

So the crowd waited; whispering to each other, listening with bated breath for some sound from within—a cry—a muffled knocking which should show that the buried men still lived.

As long as there was a chance of their escape by any back passage, however slight, the men feared to begin work on the heap of fallen slate at the mouth of the pit, as any concussion might bring down masses of earth from the roof of the chambers, already loosened by the explosion.

Honor came up to the Methodist parson. "How long will it take Teddy to bring them out, sir?"

The good old man avoided her eye.

"That depends on—well, really, I don't know where the passage is. Now, my poor soul, let us trust in God. He will take care of Teddy in the pit just as well as if he were here beside you."

"But I want him beside me, sirr. The Lord's always left Teddy to me to take care of. I want him, sirr. I want my little b'y."

Mr. Knox began to speak, but his voice failed. He shook his head and turned away. I saw that he had but little hope.

At that moment a dull rumbling was heard. Every man looked at his neighbor. One of the miners muttered "fire damp," which is another name for death, in these pits; but the others were silent.

Then came a sound like thunder, and a heavy crash. There had been another explosion, and the roof of the main chamber had probably fallen. Shrieks of despair went up from the women.

"It's all over!" said Father Ryan.

"Look at him!" cried Honor, wildly, pointing down the road. "Me b'y! Teddy!"

There, coming up the road, black as negroes, were nine men, every one of them alive, and shouting, Teddy leading the van.

They had reached the mouth of the opening and had dragged each other through, and had time to come down from Pressly's Hills before the second explosion.

There was a town meeting that night. It was a gathering which would seem queer and old-fashioned enough now-a-days.

There was a great table set in the Town Hall, and every housewife sent something to be eaten, from Mrs. Judge Larkin's frosted cake, to poor Honor's loaf of bread; and rich and poor came, the miners and their wives in their Sunday clothes, to shake hands and rejoice together.

The Methodist and Presbyterian clergymen offered prayer, and Father Ryan and Judge Larkin made speeches, and there were plenty of jokes.

But most of the glory of the occasion fell to Teddy's share. In his speech welcoming the company, Judge Larkin mentioned him as worth nothing in a shop, or a school, and only showing ability in a mine by getting out of it.

He proposed, therefore, that a subscription be raised in the town, to enable Teddy to follow his vocation of naturalist, to which he had so evidently been called.

There was a great deal of cheering, and a large collection was taken up. But I suspect that the judge himself took Teddy's fortune in hand after that, for the collection would only keep him at school for a year or two.

The Work of Confidence Men.

A "COW BOY'S" EXPERIENCE IN NEW YORK CITY.

On the 27th day of August a man arrayed in store clothes, a slouch hat, and blue spectacles, registered at a fashionable hotel on Broadway as B. Ashley, of Abiline, Kan. The stranger had just come in by the western express from Chicago on the Erie road. His garments were the product of a ready-made clothing store in Abiline, and they added slightly to his general bucolic appearance. His hands and face were tanned, he walked with the parenthetical gait of one whose legs had been curved by years spent in the saddle, and his bearing was in other respects indicative of the wild western borderman. Mr. Ashley speedily developed other tendencies of the prairie type. He insisted upon going out for exercise on horseback every morning shortly after daybreak, and upon these occasions he employed his own raw-hide bridle and his well worn Mexican saddle, which had formed a part of his luggage. His accent was a peculiar blending of English and western types of speech. He had weak eyes and was in consultation with a prominent physician here, while stopping for a month in New York on his way to Europe to put himself under the care of the most eminent oculists abroad. Mr. Ashley seemed to have very little occupation beyond horseback riding at unearthly hours of the morning, visiting his man of medicine in the afternoon, and lounging about the immense and richly gilded rotunda of the hotel in the evening. He was bountifully supplied with cash, and he expended it with considerable liberality. He smoked a good deal, but drank little, because his doctor had objected to one habit and absolutely forbidden the other, by reason of its effect on the patient's eyes. Many people about the hotel drank at the expense of Mr. Ashley, but he seldom indulged himself in more cheering beverages than lemonade and vichy.

One day Mr. Ashley strolled through the lobby of the hotel in the company of a young man whose face is well known to the regular promenaders of Broadway. This young man is always faultlessly dressed and clean shaven. He has prominent features and peculiarly thin and compressed lips. He lives handsomely and always has plenty of cash. With his new-found companion, Mr. Ashley, the weak-eyed child of the guileless west, occupied a seat in the bar-room for some little time. Upon this occasion Mr. Ashley departed from his usual custom sufficiently to assist in the liberal absorbtion of champagne. When his Broadway friend went away, Mr. Ashley sauntered again through the office of the hotel. He was beckoned to by one of the clerks.

"Mr. Ashley, how long since you have been in New York?" queried the gentleman behind the diamond stud.

"Near eight years," responded that uninformed gentleman. "Never was here afore, and never since."

"Do you know the person who just left you?"

"Yes. Met him two nights ago at the Madison Square. I couldn't buy a seat, and he offered me one of his. Said his friend hadn't come and he would be glad to accommodate a stranger; so we sat together. Seems to be a nice sort of a chap."

"I have no doubt of that," continued the clerk with a slight air of superior knowledge, not unblended with sarcasm. "That young man is Hungry Joe, one of the most celebrated confidence operators in America."

"You don't say," drawled the western man slowly, and with some astonishment. "Well, I'm darned."

He went thoughtfully away. That night the young man with the thin lips and the handsome clothes called for Mr. Ashley after dinner. As they came through the office the occidental innocent took out a large pocket-book filled to repletion with money, drew from its inner recesses about $500, and deposited the wallet, with the balance of its contents, in the hotel safe. His companion viewed this proceeding with a passive face but a gleaming eye, and the two went out together. Mr. Ashley returned to the hotel just in time to take his morning ride on horseback. He slept until about 4 in the afternoon. Then he drew $200 from his wallet and left.

"You are fully warned," observed the clerk, as he handed over the amount, "and it is your own fault if you lose any money to Hungry Joe."

"Correct," responded Mr. Ashley, stuffing the bills in his pocket.

His next appearance in the hotel was a little after midnight, and this time he put $300 away in the wallet, with the declaration that the New York sharps might be pretty stiff on bunko, but they were a little behind the times on draw-poker. "In my country," he explained, "two deuces and a bowie will open a jack pot every time."

Mr. Ashley passed several days in quiet and seclusion. A full week went by before he drifted out again with his companion of the compressed lips. The next day after that he drew a round $1000 from the safe, and seemed annoyed when the clerk smiled a broad and knowing smile. "No game ever faced me," said Mr. Ashley in a dogged way, "and a man who can hold up his end with cowboys isn't going to be bested by any broadcloth brigade that was ever hatched." There was a lull of 8 or 10 days in the proceedings, and then Mr. Ashley drew another $1000. A couple of days later he drew $850 more. That afternoon he went for a drive with his gentlemanly companion. His face had been suffused with sadness all the morning, but it was noticed that he seemed somewhat brighter on his return from the drive. That evening Hungry Joe and two of his well known Broadway companions spent several hours in earnest conversation with Mr. Ashley. That gentleman's weak eyes made it necessary for him to wear his broad hat well down over his forehead. When the three young men went away the merest shadow of a smile played about the mouth of the western man. From the table at which they had sat the three young fellows went straight to the telegraph office, where they sent the following dispatch:

Postmaster, Abeline, Kan.:

Do you know Benjamin Ashley, cattle-raiser? Telegraph full particulars, my expense.

R. DICKSON, Brower House, N. Y.

The reply was evidently in all respects satisfactory, and within two days Mr. Ashley received in his rooms at the hotel a visit from the three confidence operators and a lawyer, who is more or less celebrated in this city. The head porter of the hotel was called up into the room after the visitors had been there an hour or longer, and was requested to append his signature to a certain document in the capacity of a witness to the signing thereof. This done, and the papers signed by Mr. Ashley, a large sum of money was paid over by the gentleman with the thin lips, and the porter retired with a five-dollar bill out of the pile. The visitors shortly withdrew from the hotel, and Mr. Ashley deposited that night the sum of $14,000 cold cash in the office of the hotel. Two days afterward he took passage on a Guion steamer for Liverpool, having explained to the hotel clerk that he had sold a half interest in his Kansas cattle ranch to his friends, and that Hungry Joe, as he was called, had expressed a wish to retire from city life. Mr. Ashley was "seen off" by his enthusiastic New York acquaintances of the most approved style of the art. They toasted him right royally in "yellow lable," presented him with a big basket of flowers with the word "Farewell" in large blue letters across the center, and otherwise marked his departure with evidences of tender regard.

Mr. Ashley had been gone from the fashionable Broadway Hotel precisely 11 days, when a tall man came in from a carriage that was loaded with trunks and steamerchairs and other appliances of ocean travel. He signed himself on the register, "Benjamin Ashley, London." The clerk looked up hurriedly as if to apologize for not recognizing his guest, then looked surprised, muttered a hasty word or two, and assigned the stranger a room, all in a confused and preoccupied way. This was apparently another Benjamin Ashley. He was tall and slender, and well dressed, and pale. But he spoke with a slightly Americanized accent, not unlike that of the other Benjamin Ashley. The clerk was pretty well puzzled, and that night he took pretty good care to have the stranger's full name and address inserted in the list of arrivals published daily in a periodical devoted to that purpose and carefully read by the confidence fraternity. The clerk went on duty early the next day, and as he had fully expected one of the first callers was the thin-lipped young man, who asked to have his name sent up to Mr. Ashley's room. Word came back that Mr. Ashley would see the gentleman in the drawing-room, and thither the clerk followed after a moment. Hungry Joe was sitting in a large arm-chair when the tall man from London came into the apartment. The New Yorker merely bestowed a passing glance on Mr. Ashley and looked away. The Englishman, however, seeing no one else excepting the clerk, advanced courteously and said:

"Did you wish to see me?" I am Mr. Ashley."

"Eh?" queried Hungry Joe, with a startled look. "You're not Mr. Benjamin Ashley?"

"Precisely."

"Not of Kansas?"

"Yes, of Abeline, Kan. How can I serve you?"

The thin lips of the confidence man were rather white by this time, and they were more firmly compressed than ever. He regarded the tall Englishman in a dazed fashion for a few moments. Then he asked:

"Do you own a large cattle ranch 35 miles south of Abeline?"

"I believe I do. Why do you ask?"

"Been to Europe to have your eyes doctored?"

"Yes, I have now been abroad four months. But, my young friend, these questions are rather odd. Please explain yourself."

"Odd!" echoed the Broadway man. "Well, I should think they were. If you are Benjamin Ashley, and you do own that ranch, the cleverest man in the country has given me a deal, that's all. Why, it ain't two weeks ago that me and two friends bought a half interest in that ranch, and, by George! the man who sold us stopped in this same hotel."

Mr. Ashley seemed rather astonished by this information, and beckoned the clerk, who had been listening to their conversation quite intently. That individual gave a careful description of the previous Mr. Ashley, and the New York sharper told how he had won some $3,220 from the man, who was on his way to Europe for the benefit of his eyes. He had represented himself as the owner of the Ashley ranch, and at his request the speaker had telegraphed the Abeline postmaster, who had replied giving details as to the property, which is valued at about $50,000, and had added that Mr. Ashley himself had gone abroad for medical treatment. The man had represented that he wanted to make certain expenditures in Europe, and that his card losses would prevent unless he could dispose of an interest in his ranch. He produced deeds to establish his ownership, and they seemed satisfactory even to the lawyers. Thinking he had a chance to get $25,000 worth of material for $14,000, the victim had [illegible] friends in [illegible] bing together the [illegible] cessary amount.

"Really," observed the Englishman when the recital was finished, "I am very sorry for you, but you have unquestionably been swindled. For my part I shall not have the slightest difficulty in establishing my identity. As to your friend, the bogus Mr. Ashley, he is probably one of my cowboys, Henry Barnes by name. The description certainly fits that person. He came to the ranch—let me see—about 14 months ago and asked for a place. Now I remember he wasn't much like the other boys, but I needed more help, and I took him on. He may have been in hiding for some crime, for all I know. But on the plains we can scarcely go into such matters. He did his work all right, and seemed rather more refined than his companions, though he tried to conceal it. I heard once or twice from my men that he played a very cold hand at poker."

"He does," said Hungry Joe mournfully.

"He was an expert penman, now I come to think of it, and he did some work of that sort for me. He was still there when I came away."

"And that's the cuss who got off to Europe with my money, hang him," burst in the defrauded confidence operator, angrily. "What's worse, he went away full of my champagne, and smelling of my basket of flowers. That man's a d——d swindler, that's what he is."

That Melon.

"Father, I see by the papers that Mr. Gould talks of cutting a watermelon?"

"Yes, my son."

"Is it a big melon?"

"Rather large."

"And very ripe?"

"Well, pretty ripe."

"And it is good of him; isn't it?"

"Very good—just like Mr Gould."

"When he cuts it will he give all the boys a slice?"

"Not exactly, my son—not for Joseph! He will simply cut the melon in two." And then?"

"And walk off with a half under each arm to devour the meat by himself, and plant the seeds to fool the boys another time!"

Fair Play.

"Sir, you predicted a frost for the night of the 21st of September!" said an old farmer as he entered the Signal Office at Cleveland, two or three days later.

"Yes, Sir."

"And it didn't come?"

"No, sir."

"Well, that prediction caught me with 800 bushels of apples on the trees, and I sold the lot for half price."

"Sorry, sir, but the bureau is sometimes mistaken."

"Well, I want you to help me out of it. The chap who got my apples has forty acres of taters. If you will only predict a regular freeze up for to-morrow night I kin get them taters for ten cents a bushel and come out all solid!"

In digging for the Cape Cod Canal, there has been found, about eighteen feet below the surface, marsh mud. The fact is strong comment on the drifting Cape sands, which have reared the shoals of Plymouth harbor, the bars of Chatham or Nantucket. The same diggings have brought to light, from beneath this sand, at about the same depth, the still recognizable frame of an oak flume or race-way. By tradition and town record that same flume could only belong to the ancient tide-mill, which Acadians built in 1750, in their exile by the sea. Further inland borings have brought to the surface the smooth, wave-worn stones, which show that through the gap between the Sandwich hills the sea once flowed.

A company of English and American capitalists have purchased nearly one million acres of overflowed and swamp land in the parishes of Vermillion, Cameron and Calcasieu in Louisiana. The tract stretches along the Gulf for a distance of 100 miles, extending inward 30 miles. The design is to improve the land for agricultural purposes. The company has purchased dredge boats, steam plows and other machinery necessary for the work, and will begin operations at once.

Lieut. Defree and Ensign Brown, United States navy, officers on board the Pinta at the time of her collision with the brig Tally Ho, have been reprimanded in general orders by Secretary Chandler for neglect of duty on that occasion.

We are thinking of writing a great temperance drama in four parts, as follows: Part I. Admitted to the bar. Part II. Hanging around the Bar (same actors, but different scenery). Part III. Behind the Bars. Part IV. Stranded (on the Bar).

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SARSAPARILLA

Has "decided" claims upon the public. This is positively proven by the immense good it has done to those who have been cured of diseases from which they have suffered intensely for years, as verified by the published testimonials, every one of which is a positive fact.

CHELSEA, VT., Feb. 24, 1879.

MESSRS. C. I. HOOD & CO., Lowell, Mass.: The 6th day of last June I was taken sick with a swelling on my right foot, and with an awful pain. The swelling went all over me. My face was swelled so that I could with difficulty see out of my eyes, and I broke out over the whole surface of my body; my right foot up to my knee was one raw, itching mass, and my ankle and foot so lame and sore I could not step on it, and it would run so as to wet a bandage through in an hour. In this condition Mr. W. F. Hood (of the firm of A. B. Hood & Son, druggists, of this town), handed me a bottle of HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA, and told me to take it. I did so, and by the time I had taken one bottle I found that it was doing me good. I have since taken five bottles more. After I had taken three bottles my soreness began to leave me, and I have been growing better every day, so that to-day I can walk without going lame. I have no soreness in my ankle and it has healed all up, and does not run at all. I owe my recovery to your Sarsaparilla. I write this to let you know that I think it deserves the confidence of the public, especially those who are troubled with humors.

Yours most truly
JOSIAH PITKIN.

P. S. Every person that saw me said that I never would get over my lameness without having a running sore on my ankle; but thank God I have not.

J. P.

No other [illegible]

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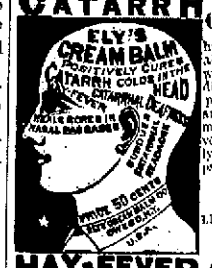

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HAY-FEVER Apply by the little finger into the nostrils. It will be absorbed, effectually cleansing the nasal passages of catarrhal virus, causing healthy secretions. It allays inflammation, protects the membranal linings of the head from additional colds, completely heals the sores and restores the sense of taste and smell. Beneficial results are realized by a few applications.

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PSALMS.

(REVISED.)

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3. Be thou *not afraid* when your family is sick, or you have Bright's disease or liver complaint, for Hop Bitters will cure you.

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5. Cleanse me with Hop Bitters and I shall have robust and blooming health.

6. Add disease upon disease and let the worst come, I am safe if I use Hop Bitters.

7. For all my life have I been plagued with *sickness* and sores, and not until a year ago was I cured, by Hop Bitters.

8. He that keepeth his bones from aching from Rheumatism and Neuralgia, with Hop Bitters, doeth wisely.

9. Though thou hast sores, pimples, freckles, salt rheum, erysipelas, blood poisoning, yet Hop Bitters will *remove* them all.

10. What woman is there, feeble and sick from female complaints who desireth not health and useth Hop Bitters and is *made well*.

11. Let not neglect to use Hop Bitters bring on serious Kidney and Liver complaints.

12. Keep thy tongue from being furred, the blood pure, and thy stomach from indigestion by using Hop Bitters.

13. All my pains and aches and diseases go like chaff before the wind when I use Hop Bitters.

14. Mark the man who *was nearly* dead and given up by the doctors after using Hop Bitters and becometh well.

15. Cease from worrying about nervousness, general debility, and urinary trouble, for Hop Bitters will restore you.

(*Continued from last week.*)

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In buying a silver watch case great care should be taken to secure one that is solid silver throughout. The cap of most cheap silver cases is made of a composition known as albata, which is a very poor substitute for silver, as it turns black in a short time. The backs of such cases are made much thinner than those of an all silver case, being robbed in order to make the cap thicker and get in as much as possible of the cheap metal. Another important point in a silver case is the joints or hinges, which should be made of gold. Those of most cheap cases are made of silver, which is not a suitable metal for that purpose. In a brief period it warps, bends and spreads apart, allowing the backs to become loose upon the case and admitting the dust and dirt that accumulate in the pocket. The Keystone Silver Watch Cases are only made with silver caps and gold joints.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 17, 1883.

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NEWPORT & WICKFORD

Railroad & Steamboat Company.

Winter Arrangement.

Steamer Eolus

ON AND AFTER THURSDAY, November 1, Leaves Commercial Wharf, Newport, three times daily, as follows:

7.00 A. M.—Connecting at Wickford with trains for Kingston, Westerly, Stonington, New London, Hartford, New Haven and New York; also, with trains due at Providence at 9:10 and Boston at 10:50 A. M. Arrive in New York at 4:50 P. M.

***11.50 A. M.**—Connecting with Shore Line Express for New London, New Haven and New York; also, with trains for Hartford, Springfield and the West, and with trains due in Providence at 1:40 P. M., and Boston at 3:00 P. M. Passengers arrive in New York at 6:40 P. M.

5.00 P. M.—Connecting with express leaving New York at 1 P. M., due at Providence at 7:00 P. M., and in Boston at 8:35 P. M.

RETURNING,

Will leave Wickford Junction:

8.33 A. M.—Connecting with train from New London, Stonington, Westerly and Kingston; also, with train leaving Providence at 7:40 A. M., arriving in Newport at 9:50 A. M.

1.09 P. M.—Connecting with 8:00 train from New York, Stamford, New Haven, New London, Stonington, Westerly and Kingston; also, with train leaving Providence at 12:30 P. M., arriving at Newport at 2:30 P. M.

***6.27 P. M.**—Connecting with Newport express, leaving New York at 1:00 P. M., also with train leaving Providence at 5:30 P. M., arriving at Newport at 7:35 P. M.

Connecting with Providence three times daily, viz: from Newport at 7:00 and 11:50 A. M., and 5:00 P. M.; from Providence at 7:40 A. M., 12:30 and 5:30 P. M.

*This train will not stop at Wickford or Belleville.

THEO. WARREN, Superintendent.

Continental Steamboat Co.

NEWPORT AND PROVIDENCE

Fall and Winter Time Table.

(SUNDAYS EXCEPTED.)

Commencing MONDAY, OCT. 1st, 1883, and until further notice, Steamer City of Newport, Capt. Geo. H. Kelley, will leave Newport for Providence at 8 A. M.; returning leave Providence for Newport at 4 P. M. TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS only, will land at Rocky Point, Prudence Park and Conanicut Park, (weather permitting) both ways.

Fare **50** cents each way; children half price.

N. F. HALLETT, Supt.

Old Colony Railroad

ON and after Monday, Oct. 15, 1883, trains leave **Newport** for **Boston** as follows: 7.30 A. M., 2.55, 4.30 P. M. RETURN, 8.15 A. M., 3.35, †4.45, *6.00 P. M. Trains from Boston are due in Newport at 11 A. M., 6 05, 8.05 P. M. **For Coal Mines**, 7.30, 7.45 A. M., 2.55 P. M. RETURN, 9.04, 10.42 A. M., 5.47, 7.32 P. M. **Bristol Ferry**, 7.30, 7.45 A. M., 2.55, 4.30 P. M. RETURN, 9 00, 10.37 A. M., 5.42, 7.20 P. M. **Tiverton**, 7.30, 7.45, A. M., 2.55, 4 30 P. M. RETURN, 8.55, 10.31 A. M., 5.37, 7.10, P. M. **Fall River**, 7.30, 7.45, A. M., 2.55 4.30 P. M. RETURN, 8 45, 10.21 A. M., 5.28, 6.53 P. M. **Taunton**, (Dean St.), 7.30 A. M.; (Taunton Central) 2 55, 4 30 P. M. RETURN, (Taunton Central) 7.40, 9.41 A. M., 6.05 P. M.; (Dean street), 4.42 P. M. **Middleboro** (via Weir Junction), 7.30 A. M.; (via Taunton Central), 2.55 P. M.; (via Myricks) 4.30 P. M. RETURN (via Taunton Central), 9.06 A. M. (via Weir Junction) 3.35 P. M., (via Myricks), 5.20 P. M. **Cape Cod**, (via Weir Junction), 7.30 A. M.; (via Taunton Central) 2.55 P. M. **Plymouth**, 2.55 P. M. **New Bedford** (via Weir Junction) 7.30 A. M.; (via Taunton Central) 2 55, 4.30 P. M. RETURN, 8.55, A. M., 3 30 P. M. **Providence**, 7.45 A. M., 2.55 P. M. **Fitchburg**, and stations on Northern Division, 7.30 A. M., 2.55 P. M. **Lowell**, 2 55 P. M. **Oak Bluffs**, 7 30 A. M. **Nantucket**, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 7.30 A. M.

*Boat from Fall River.

†Mixed train from Fall River.

J. R. KENDRICK, Gen'l Manager.
J. H. FRENCH, Div. Sup't.
J. H. JORDAN AG'T. 10-13

FOR CONANICUT ISLAND.

Jamestown and Newport Steam Ferry Time Table.

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, Oct. 1st, 1883, and until further notice, the steamer JAMESTOWN, Capt. Amburst, will run as follows:

Leave Jamestown 6.30, 8.15, 11.00 A. M., 2, and 5.00 P. M.

Leave Newport 7, 10. A. M., 12.30, 3.30, and 5.30 P. M., or on arrival of Providence boat Wednesdays and Saturdays.

SUNDAYS.

Leave Jamestown 9.30 A. M., and 3.30 P. M.
Leave Newport 10. A. M., and 4, P. M.

Newport Omnibus Co.

BROADWAY LINE.

Omnibuses of the Broadway line leave the postoffice hourly, on every week day, from 7 A. M. to 9.15 P. M., and the one mile corner every hour from 7.30 A. M. to 9.45 P. M.

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Cabs at low rates may be engaged by leaving orders at 4 Travers block or at office of New York & Boston Express Co., 175 Thames street. Telephone connection.

FURNITURE AT AUCTION,

—ON—

THURSDAY, JAN. 17, 1884,

Commencing at 10:30 o'clock, A. M.,

AT THE RESIDENCE of the late Edward McHugh, corner of Perry and Spring streets, will be sold the entire Furniture of said estate. Consisting in part of Bureaus, Mattresses, Feather Beds and Pillows, Lounges, Tables, Chairs, Carpets, Pictures, Stoves, Wardrobes, Oil Cloths, Crockery, etc. Also 1 Chest of Tools, 1 Grind Stone. Conditions Cash.

By order of the administrator.

FRANCIS STANHOPE, Auctioneer.

12-22-3w

Executor's Notice.

THE SUBSCRIBER having been appointed by the Honorable Court of Probate, of Newport, executor of the last will and testament of CAROLINE E. GRINNELL, late of Newport, deceased, and having been qualified according to law, request all persons having demands to present them, and all indebted to make payment to him.

AUGUSTUS P. SHERMAN, Executor.

12-22

Legal Notices.

NOTICE.

Clerk's Office, of the Court of Probate, Portsmouth, R. I., December 18, 1883.

ALL EXECUTORS, administrators, and guardians, appointed by said court, having accounts unsettled, one year or more, are hereby notified to exhibit the same to the Court of Probate, to be holden at the Town Hall, in said Portsmouth, on the second Monday in January next, at 1 o'clock P. M., or show cause why they neglect so to do. By order of said Court,

PHILIP B. CHACE, Probate Clerk.

12-22-3w

Court of Probate, City of Newport, December 24, 1883.

GRACE BURKINSHAW, executrix of the last will and testament of *JONATHAN BURKINSHAW*, late of Newport, deceased, presents her first and final account with the estate of said deceased, and prays that the same may be examined, allowed and recorded.

It is ordered that the consideration of said account be referred to Monday, the 14th day of January, 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Probate Office, in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested by publishing a copy of this decree in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER, Probate Clerk.

12-29

Court of Probate, City of Newport, December 24, 1883.

JOHN D. PIKE, executor of the last will and testament of *JOHN PIKE*, late of Newport, deceased, presents his first and final account with the estate of said deceased, and prays that the same may be examined, allowed and recorded.

It is ordered that the consideration of said account be referred to Monday, the 14th day of January, 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Probate office, in the City Hall, Newport and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this decree in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER, Probate Clerk.

12-29

Court of Probate, City of Newport, December 17, 1883.

ON THE PETITION, in writing of Simon Hart, presented this day, praying that an instrument in writing presented therewith, purporting to be the last will and testament of *JAMES N. HART*, late Newport, deceased, may be proved, approved, allowed and recorded, and that letters testamentary may be issued to him the said Simon Hart, the Executor named therein:

It is ordered that the consideration of said petition be referred to Monday, the 7th day of Jan. 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Probate Office in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this decree, in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER, Probate Clerk.

12-22

Court of Probate, City of Newport, Dec. 17, 1883.

ON THE PETITION of Lydia E. Eldridge, of Newport, in writing, presented this day, praying that Job T. Langley, of said Newport, or some other suitable person, may be appointed administrator of the estate of *WILLIAM O. ELDRIDGE*, late of Newport, R. I., deceased, intestate:

It is ordered that the consideration of said petition be referred to Monday, the 7th day of Jan. 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Probate Office, in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this decree in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER, Probate Clerk.

12-22

Court of Probate, City of Newport, December 17, 1883.

AUGUSTUS P. SHERMAN, the surviving executor of the last will and testament of *WILLIAM S. VOSE*, late of Newport, deceased, presents his annual account with the estate of said deceased, and prays that the same may be examined, allowed and recorded.

It is ordered that the consideration of said account be referred to Monday, the 7th day of January 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Probate Office, in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this decree in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER, Probate Clerk.

12-22

Court of Probate, City of Newport, December 17, 1883.

JOHN H. CROSBY, Jr., administrator with the will annexed, on the estate of *JONATHAN E. GARDINER*, late of Newport, deceased, presents his first and final account with the estate of said deceased, and prays that the same may be examined, allowed and recorded.

It is ordered that the consideration of said account be referred to Monday, the 7th day of January, 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Probate Office, in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this decree in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER, Probate Clerk.

12-22

Court of Probate, City of Newport, Dec. 17, 1883.

AUGUSTUS P. SHERMAN, administrator *de bonis non* with will annexed, on the estate of *JOSEPH PADDOCK*, late of Newport, deceased, presents his first account with the estate of said deceased, and prays that the same may be examined, allowed and recorded.

It is ordered that the consideration of said account be referred to Monday, the 7th day of January, 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Probate Office, in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this decree in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER, Probate Clerk.

12-22

Court of Probate, City of Newport, December 17, 1883.

WILLIAM P. PECKHAM, guardian of the estate of *NICHOLAS WHITE*, of full age, of Newport, presents his annual account with the estate of said Nicholas, and prays that the same may be examined, allowed and recorded.

It is ordered that the consideration of said account be referred to Monday, the 7th day of January, 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Probate Office, in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this decree in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER, Probate Clerk.

12-22

Executor's Notice.

THE SUBSCRIBER having been appointed by the Honorable Court of Probate of Newport, executors of the last will and testament of GEORGE C. MUNRO, late of Newport, deceased, and having been qualified according to law, requests all persons having demands to present them, and all indebted to make payment to them.

JAMES B. FINCH, JOSIAH GREENE MUNRO, } Executors.

12-22

Executor's Notice.

THE SUBSCRIBER, having been appointed by the Honorable Court of Probate, of Newport, executor of the last will and testament of CATHARINE CONNAUGHTON, late of Newport, deceased, and having been qualified according to law, requests all persons having demands to present them, and all indebted to make payment to him.

THOMAS CONNAUGHTON, Executor.

12-22

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Legal Notices.

Sledding Notice.

IN COMPLIANCE with the provisions of Section 8 of Chapter 12, of the City Ordinances, the following-named streets are hereby designated as sledding places, for the use of single sleds only:—

North Baptist Street,
Ayrault Street,
Bull Street,
North side of Park on Washington Square,
Barney Street,
Mary Street,
William Street,
Bowery Street,
Young Street,
Dearborn Street.

Double Sleds may be used on Mann Avenue, East Catherine Street, Buena Vista Street, Bath Road and west end of Narragansett Avenue, but not elsewhere.

Per order of the Mayor.

J. B. BRAYTON, City Marshal.

12-22

THE CITY OF NEWPORT.

AN ORDER PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF SWINE.

ORDERED AND RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the city of Newport acting as the Board of Health of said city, on this 18th day of December, A. D. 1883. —That from and after the first day of January, A. D. 1884, no swine shall be kept within the limits of said city; and every person violating this rule and regulation shall be fined twenty dollars for every offence.

[Passed December 18, 1883.]

Attest:

WILLIAM G. STEVENS, City Clerk.

Dec. 19, 1883. 12-22

TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN,

Special Notice to Swill Venders.

MIDDLETOWN, R. I., December 22, A. D., 1883.

THE UNDERSIGNED duly appointed by the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, R. I., a complainant under the nuisance act, hereby gives notice that he will complain of, and prosecute to final judgment, every person or company, bringing or transporting into said Town, any swill, offal or other decaying substances, and feeding the same to swine kept therein, contrary to the provisions of law, on and after the first day of January, A. D., 1884. The premises of those persons who pretend to bury such swill and offal, will receive thorough inspection and every attempt to evade the law closely scrutinized and promptly attended to.

12-22-3w NATHANIEL L. CHAMPLIN.

NOTICE.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, give notice that proposals will be received until Tuesday, January 29, 1884, for a keeper to the Portsmouth Asylum, commencing March 25, 1884. The right to reject any or all proposals is reserved.

CHARLES A. CHACE, EDWARD ALMY, JR., ABNER B. CORY, } Commissioners.

12-22-6w

Mortgagee's Sale.

BY VIRTUE of a power of Sale, contained in a certain Mortgage Deed, made by Joseph H. Munro and Sarah L. Munro, to William Borden, dated February 2nd 1881, and recorded in Volume 16, pages 117 and 118 of the Land Evidence of Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

Said William Borden will sell, at public auction, on or near the premises hereinafter described, on Tuesday, January 15, 1884, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, (the conditions of said Mortgage having been broken), all the property and estate conveyed by said Mortgage, being a certain piece or parcel of land, lying in said Portsmouth, with a Dwelling House thereon standing, bounded Northerly by land of George P. Tallman, Easterly and Southerly by a highway, called Black Point Lane, and Westerly by land of said George P. Tallman, or however otherwise bounded, and said William Borden hereby gives notice that he intends to bid for said property at said sale.

WILLIAM BORDEN, Mortgagee.

12-22

Court of Probate, City of Newport, December 24, 1883.

ON THE PETITION, in writing, of William Hammond, presented this day, praying that an instrument in writing presented therewith, purporting to be the last will and testament of *CATHARINE LYNCH*, late of Newport, deceased, may be proved, approved, allowed and recorded, and that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the said William Hammond, the executor named therein:

It is ordered that the consideration of said petition be referred to Monday, the 14th day of January, 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Probate Office in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this decree in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER, Probate Clerk.

12 29

Court of Probate, City of Newport, December 24, 1883.

JOHN G. WEAVER, administrator on the estate of *JOSEPH B. WEAVER*, late of Newport, deceased, presents his first and final account with the estate of said deceased, and prays that the same may be examined, allowed and recorded.

It is ordered that the consideration of said account be referred to Monday, the 14th day of Jan. 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Probate Office, in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this decree in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER, Probate Clerk.

12-29

Guardian's Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having been duly appointed by the Honorable Court of Probate of the city of Newport, guardian of the person and estate of JULIA FITZPATRICK, minor, of Newport, hereby gives notice to all persons having claims against said estate to present them within six months from the date hereof, and those indebted to make payment to him.

PATRICK J. GALVIN, Guardian.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 29, 1883. 12-29

Administrator's Notice.

THE SUBSCRIBER having been appointed by the Honorable Court of Probate of Newport, administrator on the estate of SARAH JOHNSON, late of Newport, deceased, and having been qualified according to law, requests all persons having demands to present them, and all indebted to make payment to him.

MAHLON VAN HORNE, Administrator.

12-22

Administrator's Notice.

THE SUBSCRIBER having been appointed by the Honorable Court of Probate of the town of Jamestown, administrator *de bonis non*, with the will annexed on the estate of JOHN H. GARDNER, late of Jamestown, deceased, and having been duly qualified requests all persons having demands to present them, and all indebted to make payment to him.

GEORGE C. CARR, Administrator with will annexed, *de bonis non*.

12-22

Guardian's Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having been duly appointed by the Honorable Court of Probate of the city of Newport, guardian of the person and estate of ALICE S. BENTLEY, minor, of Newport, hereby gives notice to all persons having claims against said estate to present them within six months from the date hereof, and those indebted to make payment to him.

LEWIS L. SIMMONS, Guardian.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 15, 1883. 12-1

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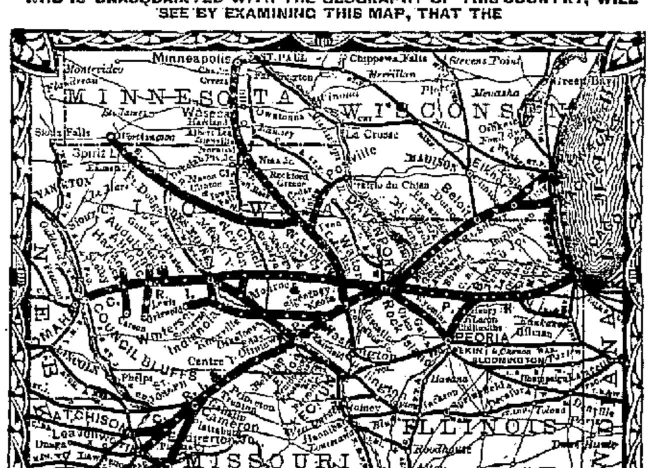

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Lesson I—January 6.

THE CONFERENCE AT JERUSALEM.

GOLDEN TEXT.—*But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, we shall be saved, even as they.*—Acts 15:11.

TOPICS—*A question raised.*
A reference made.
A decision given.

TIME, A. D. 50 or 51.

Notes and Hints.

Connecting Link.—Our studies in the Book of Acts, during the first six months of last year, closed with the return of Paul and Barnabas to Antioch, in Syria, after their first missionary journey into the provinces of Asia Minor. We begin again at the point where we then left off, and take up in this lesson, the very next event recorded by Luke.

I. A question raised. While Paul and Barnabas had been preaching the Gospel from city to city in Asia Minor, and had seen many Gentiles converted and gathered into local Christian communities, and had suffered much persecution in their work, certain men of Judea, probably members of the church at Jerusalem, had visited Syria, and had come to Antioch and there taught the disciples that they must be circumcised, according to Moses' law, in order to be saved. The returned missionaries, who had been laboring so long among the Gentiles and had seen so much genuine Christian work among those who had not practiced that rite, did not believe it to be necessary; they had not been so taught by the Holy Spirit, nor had their own reason suggested it as necessary. They stoutly opposed the doctrine of these Judaizing teachers, and at length it was determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them, among whom was Titus an uncircumcised Greek (Gal. 2:1—3), should go up to Jerusalem and consult the brethren there on this question.

II. A reference made. This committee was escorted by a deputation from the church, and as they traveled through Phenicia and Samaria, public meetings were held in many places, and the story of the conversion of the Gentiles was told again and again, causing great joy among the disciples. When they came to Jerusalem they were cordially received by the apostles and brethren there, and rehearsed to them the account of their work in foreign lands and among the Gentile nations. At length certain of the sects of the Pharisees, who had embraced Christianity, introduced the question which was to be referred to the church at Jerusalem for a decision, or, at least, for an expression of opinion thereon. It does not appear that the church had any authority to give decisions that would be binding upon the disciples, but it was looked upon as the "Mother church," the brethren there had enjoyed peculiar and important privileges. Much of the Saviour's work had been done there; that city was the place of his arrest, so-called trial, crucifixion, death and resurrection. There he appeared on several occasions to his disciples, after rising from his grave, and there the wonderful scenes of the day of Pentecost had taken place. Jerusalem was the capital of the Jewish nation, and the focal point of its religion; Christianity was, in a certain, sense an outgrowth of Judaism, and it was natural to give to the Christian community there a prominence and an influence, and, indeed, an authority, possessed by no other. Moreover, the presiding elder, or pastor, of that church was James the Just, a man of great good sense, and well qualified to act as referee in regard to such a question. He seems to have presided at the council. After the Pharisees had stated their position, Peter addressed the assembly, declaring how God sent him to preach to the Gentiles, and granted unto them the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit, even as he had to the Jewish disciples, and arguing that no needless burden should be put upon such Christians, since faith in the heart is the essential condition of salvation. Then Paul and Barnabas told what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them, after which James summed up the case in a speech of great wisdom and justice.

III. A decision given. Our lesson does not include the decision of the council, but it was one of great fairness, and marked by the spirit of intelligent Christian liberty. It was that they need not be circumcised, but should abstain from eating meats offered to idols and from some articles of food forbidden to the Jews, and especially abhorred by them, and from gross immorality. They sent Judas and Silas, two brethren of good repute, to carry the letter and to give encouragement and advice by personal address. The epistle gave great satisfaction to the disciples at Antioch. Silas became much interested in the work among the Gentiles and afterward went with Paul on his second missionary journey.

THOUGHTS AND APPLICATIONS.

1. Faith in Jesus Christ opens the door of salvation.

II. Obedience in the life is the evidence of faith in the heart.

III. The conditions of salvation are the same for all men.

TOPICS FOR FURTHER STUDY.

I. The spirit of the Pharisees.
II. The real ground of salvation.

A World Without Love.

Such was the world of heathenism.—There was in it liberality of a sort, but no charity. Such largess as was given had a political complexion, or had its spring in some form of selfishness. Pity was deemed a weakness unbecoming to full manliness of character. Philosophy taught that human wisdom and virtue were best secured by attaining to a tranquil and polished selfishness. The poor and the weak were better out of the way, as they were obstacles and incumbrances in the path of the well-to-do. That wretchedness was to be sought out and cared for, simply because it was wretchedness, was an idea that never entered the heathen mind. If anything was ever done for the suffering, it was, as it were, by accident. There was no organization of relief, no system devised and carried out for the benefit of suffering classes of human creatures. It was Christianity that introduced charity into the world.

CONSUMPTION.

It is said that 50,000 people die annually in the United States alone from this disease. In some sections of the country one death in every three is from consumption. This can be and should be avoided; our people are too careless about an ordinary cough or cold, and other symptoms of throat and lung affections that lead to this disease. You should arrest it while it is in the germ. Two or three doses of Dr. Bosanko's Cough and Lung Syrup will relieve an ordinary cough or cold. It does not dry up a cough like many preparations, and leave the disease behind it, but acts directly on the throat and bronchial tubes removing all the phlegm and morbid matter that accumulates in the throat and lungs. It allays all irritation, and renders the voice clear and distinct. Trial size free. Sold by J. E. Grove, Agent, 210 Thames street, and H. F. Downing, Jr., Broadway.

For the Children.

Her Parlor.

BY HENRY LEWIS

The way into her parlor is "up a winding stair;"
Gay Japanese umbrellas are fastened here and there;
And fans and peacocks' feathers hang with a careless air,
The door is low and curtained; I enter; overhead
Glistens a gilded cobweb; with reverence I tread
Upon a Turkish prayer rug in blue, old gold and red.
A stand is set with dishes, fashioned in years ago;
Blue platters on the mantel, and by the fire's glow
A screen, whose crimson poppies are nodding in a row,
My lady greets me smiling, the violets I bring
Fill all the little parlor with happy thoughts of spring;
Shadows dance on the ceiling—I hope no one will ring!

An 'Orrible Tale.'

Under the window is a man
Playing the organ all the day,
Grinding as only a cripple can,
In a moody, vague, uncertain way.

His coat is red, and upon his face
Is a look of high-born restless pride;
There is somewhat about him a martial grace,
An empty sleeve hangs at his side.

"Tell me, warrior bold and true,
In what carnage, night or day,
Came the merciless shot to you,
Bearing your good right arm away?"

Fire dies out in the patriot's eye,
Changed the warrior's tone and mien;
Choked by emotion he makes reply;
"Suffolk—harvest—threshing—machine."

"Buttercup"

BY MARY BAKER.

What a lovely May-day; bright blue skies, nice soft breezes. Truly the time of the singing of birds has come. I draw my easy chair close to the open window and gaze across the street into my neighbor's garden. What a grand old place; a large old-fashioned brown stone house set in a perfect wilderness of flowers. I think of the inmates of the house and then sigh—how nice it must be to be rich. But hark! who was that reechoed my sigh? I thought I was alone I can see no one; but there it is again. I look down; close at my feet is a cluster of Buttercups; another sigh, and I am on my knees to find the cause, and if possible remove it. How strange; all the flowers are talking. They seem to be greatly excited over something. I must find out what. So I sink down on my knees in the soft, velvety grass, and as Buttercup is nearest me and looks so sad, I ask her what is the matter. Her eyes are full of large, pearly tears as she answers: "Oh, dear! Oh, dear! They are saying I should not be here, that I have no right among them," and now the sobs are shaking the slender form. I listen with indignation. "Who was so cruel as to say this?" But she will not tell me, and the flowers are silent. I glance over the garden and my eyes rest on a group of brilliant Paeonies. They are so confused I can tell by their blushing faces who are so unkind. But I turn to Buttercup amid the whisper of the flowers. Her heart is almost broken and I soothe her as well as I can. I praise her beautiful golden dress, and at last I am rewarded by a faint, sweet smile, which like a ray of sunshine illumines her face. "Why, dear little Buttercup, don't you know God planted you here where he wanted you? and I would try to be as bright and sweet as possible to please Him, and not care for any one else's frowns." "Do you think God cares for us little Buttercups?" "I am sure He does, or He would never paint all those lovely colors around us." "Yes," said a spray of Mignonette, waving gently in the breeze, her words full of sweet fragrance, "I am sure he cares for us." Buttercup's face is radiant now, and the flowers are silently listening to us. "That is what I told Buttercup," said a tiny Heartsease; "I would try not to mind what they say, but do the best I could," and she bent over Buttercup in the most winning manner. "What does the gardner say about your being here?" I ask. "He does not seem to care; sometimes I feel so badly when he comes out to gather flowers and hardly notices poor me, and then when he comes out to work I am terrified for fear he will destroy me," and her face again shows signs of tears, but before I can speak Heartsease interposes—"never mind dear, I will hide you when I see him coming." "Thank you." I also look my thanks to the dear little flower. I do not wonder Buttercup has felt lonely among all these flowers, rustling their fine dresses in the sunlight. But suddenly through the air comes the sound of merry voices, almost drowning the low tones of the flowers. Ah, here they are, a crowd of bright, happy children, almost as fair as the flowers. They do not notice me, and I am glad, for I love to watch them unnoticed. Now one of them proposes to crown one "Queen of the May." There is much gay laughing and chatting and at last they select one of their companions, a tall, lovely girl whom I liken to a graceful calla lily, and now they are busy gathering flowers. I look on in astonishment, wondering what the inhabitants of the old stone house think of this invasion; but no one seems to care. Buttercup was almost forgotten, but her voice recalls me. "Look, they are coming this way; don't let them have me." "They shall not," I promise, but they are here close beside us, and one of them is saying: "We must have some for the crown—something bright." "How would these red Paeonies look?" ask another. "They would not match Lina's hair, they are too red; we must have something golden." "Well here are some lovely Buttercups, yellow as gold, let us take these," and before I can breathe a word they are gathering a great handful of the golden blossoms, while the Paeonies are fiery red with vexation. My little Buttercup is being transformed into a thing of beauty in the hands of the skillful girls. Now they have the crown finished and place it upon the head of their Queen. How sweet she looks, the golden blossoms gleaming among her dark curls. Buttercup is now happy. I am glad. I thought she had forgotten me; but no, she is saying, all unheard by the girls, "Good bye, my dear friend, I shall not forget your kind words." Now the whole party are entering the house. I am fast losing sight of Buttercup, but I catch a faint "God bless you" as she disappears. I turn away, and bending, gather the Heartsease, pressing it close to my bosom. Only you and I dear Heartsease. If I could only gather your sweetness into my very heart, and Heartsease whispers, "Patience, all things come round to him who will but wait." And then I rub my eyes and wonder if I have been dreaming.

Time to Stop It.

It's too bad, Sir or Madam, but don't get frightened. Your hair is falling off—that's certain. A glance in the mirror, or an investigating committee of fingers tell the dismal story. We won't discuss the possible cause. It is enough that Parker's Hair Balsam used now will prevent further destruction. If your hair somewhat gray, too, and crisp? Also yes. The Balsam will give back the original color, softness and gloss. Not a dye, not oily, elegantly perfumed, a perfect dressing.

The Newport Mercury.

JOHN P. SANBORN, Editor and Proprietor.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1884.

Things are lively in Boston. They had eight alarms of fire there in one night, a short time since.

Providence seems to be a lively place just now with its gigantic failures and defalcations.

The city of Providence has registered 7,602 registry voters, about half of whom have paid their own taxes.

There is a prospect of a water famine in Boston. The mayor has advised great economy in the use of water by consumpers

Senator Anthony has our thanks for the Congressional Directory of the 48 h Congress, compiled by Ben Perley Poor. It is a valuable document.

Massachusetts organized its legislature Wednesday by electing the officers of last year. Gov. Robinson was inaugurated with the proper ceremonies.

Jay Gould is reported as about to start on a cruise in his steam yacht Atalanta, not around the world, but to the Gulf of Mexico and the West India Islands.

The large registry vote in this State probably indicates a lively contest at the coming spring election. There are over 50,000 voters in this State for the coming year.

The Boston Common Council, Thursday, concurred with the Board of Aldermen in appropriating $500,000 for the completion of the West Roxbury park, and $250,000 to perfect the water-supply system.

There are eleven ex-governors now members of the United States Senate —Henry B. Anthony of Rhode Island, Joseph E. Brown and Alfred H. Colquitt of Georgia, Richard Coke of Texas, William Cullom of Illinois, A. H. Garland of Arkansas, James B. Groome of Maryland, Wade Hampton of South Carolina, Isham G. Harris of Tennessee, Joseph R. Hawley of Connecticut, and Zebulon B. Vance of North Carolina.

The City Council of Providence has adopted the terminal facilities plan, reported by a majority of the Common Council, and the Mayor has approved the action of the Council. Col. William Goddard, Harvey E. Wellman Robert Knight and S. S. Sprague appointed to carry out the plan of improvements. This plan contemplates the expenditure of several million dollars.

The business outlook in the large cities is far from cheerful. The failures for the past year have been more numerous than in any preceeding year and the increase for the last few months has been very large. Trade has been somewhat unsatisfactory for months past, values are constantly decreasing and there is no immediate prospects of the bottom having been reached. It will be well for everyone to practice rigid economy for some time to come.

The publication of the list of United States pensioners has not fulfilled the expectation of those who supported the appropriation for publishing it. It cost $55,000 to this date. Commissioner Dudley says, "The only effect has been to increase the number of applications for arrears of pensions about ten thousand, whereas there has as yet been but one actual discovery of fraudulent payment. That one was the case of a woman who has been drawing one pension in Ohio as a widow, and another in Kentucky as a dependent mother. Both have been stopped."

The statistics of the number of mercantile failures show a marked increase during the year 1883. As compared with last year they are 10,187 in the United States against 7,574 an increase of 34 per cent. In Canada the failures were 1,460, as against 642, an increase of 143 per cent, The lowest number of failures for the last five years was in 1880, when there were but 4,350. The number has more than doubled within four years. But it must be remembered that there is a gradual increase of failures to be expected from the extension of business. The amount of indebtedness and the proportion of assets must also be known before the real condition of business in the country can be fairly inferred from these statistics.

Railroad Building in 1883.

A summary of the railroad building in the United States for the past twelve months, furnished by the *Railway Age*, shows that 66,000 miles of main track have been laid at an approximate cost of $165,000,000, making the total number of miles of railway in the country to date, about 120,000. The construction during 1882, the largest in the history of the country, was 11,600 miles. New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware, Nevada and Wyoming, are the only States and Territories in which no new road was built this year.

St. Louis proposes to try fire brick for street pavements. A committee has reported that fire brick show all the endurance of granite, make a smoother, cleaner and less noisy street, are more easily repaired, give a better foothold to horses, are not affected by frost or fire, and can be used at less than half the cost of granite.

More of the Northampton Bank Cases.

In the General Term (court in banc) of the superior court of New York city, two judgments of the Northampton Bank against A. M. Kiddor & Co., and Lucien H. Niles, bankers of New York, were decided in favor of the bank last week. In these cases the bank's counsel, W. G. Peckham, and Elliphalet Williams Tyler claimed that defendants needed to prove good faith, payment of full value, purchase before the default in the interest on the bonds and before other taint on the bonds, and purchase without knowledge of the robbery of the bonds in question; and they also claimed that a purchase of bonds with defaulted coupons attached (or money for defaulted coupons) made it impossible for the defendants to get good title against the owner before the robbery. The New York Court held that in the case of stolen bonds (even if they were negotiable) the usual burden of proof is changed and rests on the defendants who took title directly or indirectly from the robbers. This makes four cases in which the bank's counsel in New York have obtained verdicts in favor of the bank.

In two of the cases the bank was defendent, and in the other two the bank was plaintiff. The courts seem to favor the claims of the original owners more than the lawyers generally supposed they would.—*Northampton (Mass.) Gazette.*

Says an exchange: The movements necessary to bring about the formal nomination of Butler as the third party candidate are already under way, and in a few months it will be evident to even the old politicians, who affect to consider Butler of no account, politically, that he is not to be ridiculed out of the fight. In fact, the more cranky and absurd some of the classes of his supporters are, the more troublesome will it be to contend with them. When Butler's legions are mustered and his columns move, they will go it without a why or a wherefore. Their battle cry will be "anything to beat the old parties, and Ben. Butler is the man to do it," and they will, at least, make politics uncommonly lively for the season of 1884.

An exchange says: When Jay Gould was chosen director of the New York & New England Railroad two years ago, and kindly allowed the public to participate in the coming good fortune of the road by selling all the stock they would take from 60 up to 86 and down again, he modestly and conscientiously declined to make a speech, saying that he should defer it until after the payment of the first dividend. Mr. Gould has now retired without making that speech. Of course the stockholders care nothing about the dividend, but they did want to hear that speech so much.

California has a man who is trying to convince the courts that he is dead. He was sentenced to imprisonment for life at San Quentin last March for murdering a man. Afterward he was charged with another murder, and was removed to San Jose jail to await trial. He now asks to be sent back to San Quentin on the ground that he died civilly last March; that his corpse had been unearthed, so to speak, and cannot be brought to account for any crimes committed during life.

The director of the mint favors an even exchange of standard silver dollars for trade dollars. He believes most of the trade dollars have gone to the Chinese melting-pot. He learns that one Philadelphia merchant has $125,000 in trade dollars which were taken at par. The total coinage of trade dollars has been about 35,000,000, of which it is believed that no more than 8,000,000 are in the United States.

A Chicago clergyman was attending the spring meeting of a ministerial association in the North-west. A certain minister, noted alike for his versatility and warm zeal was opening the session with prayer. The day, which he forgot for the moment, was about as inclement as could be—rain, hail and stormy wind. He prayed: "Oh Lord, we thank Thee for this gathering, for the privilege of meeting with each other once more, for the beautiful weather—which we had last fall."

It is related in Washington that not long ago Carlisle cleared a widow's son who was undoubtedly guilty of the crime charged — embezzlement. The widow gave her all, $500, to Carlisle as his fee. Carlisle sent for the youth, talked with him, got him a place in a Chicago store, and, best of all, handed him the $500 with which to support his mother until he could win a foothold.

Secretary Chandler does not expect that any new ships of war will be ordered by Congress. The most that he hopes for is that the House will vote money enough to complete the new ships of war which have already been ordered.

A thirteen-years-old girl of Amherst, Wis., has only blue spots on her face where her eyes should be. Her other senses are acute, and she is intelligent.

P. T. Barnum called in three doctors to witness a codicil to his will the other morning, and made them swear that they believed him to be of sound mind.

W. W. Corcoran offers to give $10,000 toward paying the $31,000 debt of the Ascension Church in Washington.

Extracts from a New York Society Journal.

The departure of Mr. and Mrs Charles G Francklyn for European shores is much regretted in society, where they are well-known and as well liked. Mr. and Mrs. Francklyn propose spending the winter cruising in their yacht on the Nile and in the Mediterranean. Mr. Francklyn has of late years been one of the heaviest investors in American enterprises. He is the son of a retired colonel in the British Army, who while quartered at Halifax captivated a daughter of Sir Samuel Cunard, and was placed in a steamship office in this city, where he ultimately succeeded his cousin, Sir Edward Cunard, as agent of the line. Mr. Francklyn subsequently became agent for the large American interests of his Cunard cousins, and was connected with many enterprises. Mrs. Francklyn was a Miss Hoyt, and has always been popular in society.

How little one hears of Mrs. Langtry these days, though she is to be with us again in a fortnight. She seems to have dropped entirely out of the memory of everybody, and she goes and comes and acts as she pleases, and nobody pays the slightest heed. Every dog has his day, and so apparently have women like Mrs. Langtry. It seems, however, she is as fascinating as she has ever been, and that there are other young men in the world who make as big idiots of themselves about her as did Mr. Gebhardt. While she was in Washington, a young man well known in society here gave her a diamond ring valued at $8000! Mrs. Langtry has now finer jewels and in larger variety than any woman of this country, not excepting Mrs. Astor. They are valued at half a million.

Washington is gradually becoming the great social centre during the winter season; and next year will no doubt witness the departure of many more prominent New Yorkers to that city. During the past summer fully one hundred handsome houses have been put up, and furnished houses are in great demand, and command very high rents. It is understood that next year the Belmonts will go to Washington. Mrs. Paran Stevens and Mrs. Captain Paget will be there, in addition to Mrs. Edward King, General and Mrs. McClellan and others as well known.

There is a larger number of well known New York society people at Newport this winter than there has ever been, and the place bids fair to become as gay in winter as it is in summer. Mrs. Henry Turnbull is entertaining very largely at her villa. Mrs. Edward King has given several brilliant dinners, and next month some tableaux are to be given at the Casino, under the auspices of well known women. Newport society will miss General J. H. Van Alen and his family who sailed for London on Saturday

A well known society girl who made her debut last week is very indignant because some wretch sent her a bouquet of roses, imbedded in which was a tiny ivory prayer-book with certain passages marked.

The Hon. Mr. Herbert of Muckross, has returned, but his wedding to Miss Rebecca Williams of Baltimore, has been indefinitely postponed.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peabody Wetmore go abroad next month.

Editor Newport Mercury—DEAR SIR: The paper read by Dr. Turner at the Alumni recalled this little sketch written some time ago. If you think it would be of any interest to your readers, it is at your service, and perhaps some one would be led to supplement it by a sketch of the school kept by the three Misses Godfrey:

"Among the schools of Newport, those taught by the maiden sisterhood deserve a passing notice. Conspicuous among them is that of the Misses Stratton, kept in a building on the site now occupied by the Gas Company. A long, entry admitted to a room in the rear, dark and low, where the school session was held. Philanthropists had not then discovered the injury of long sessions, and from nine to twelve and from two to five, weary mothers rejoiced in the safe folding of their lambs. Recollections of this precise and pungent trio are imperishable. The school proper was kept by Miss Sukey. Tall, lank and severe, but sternly faithful to her mission, she deeply engraved the three R's on her little victims. Hard was it, indeed, to catch them tripping within the limits of Webster's Spelling Book, or Colburn's Arithmetic, and the impress of her careful penmanship is traceable down to this day. Not less thorough or lasting was the systematic grounding in plain needlework. "Over and over," in which no stitch appeared above another; "stitching," two and two; "gathering," two and four; buttonholes, black with tears and grime; who, that ever sat for six mortal hours per day, on those backless benches, can repress a groan at the recollection, and a blessing for the faithful discipline so useful in later years.

The primary department was presided over by Miss Betsey—faded and fine—but reverenced by her sisters as the family beauty, and hung over by the halo of a shadowy love affair, which gave her a mysterious interest to the children, somewhat tempered by the smart of the tart "thimble pies," liberally administered to the careless and inattentive.

The upper part of the house was the realm of Miss Polly, whose busy fingers kept in good order the little nether-garments of many a flock. The reward held out to the good scholar was a visit to be paid to her, and highly were those half-hours prized and striven for. Original and spicy indeed, was her conversation; her stories of the old families were like fairy tales, and her sweet, cracked old voice singing Black Eyed Susan, and Deum Fideles to the Portuguese Hymn will never be forgotten. Dear, quaint old sisterhood! Memory brings them back as they wended their unfailing way to the weekly prayer-meeting, armed with the key, the flag-root and the fan, and wonders if this common-place generation will produce characters, which will stand out so clearly and distinctly long years after they have passed away.

J. B. F. Smith has returned from Washington where he has been visiting friends.

Henry Villard having resigned the Presidency of the Northern Pacific Railroad, the question who will succeed him becomes one of interest. Mr. Frederick Billings is the candidate of New England stockholders.

The Republicans have organized the Assembly in New York by electing Mr. Sheard, a comparative new man as Speaker. This was Senator Miller's candidate.

The Gloucester (Mass.) fishery statistics for the year present the usual sorrowful side. Seventeen vessels have been lost, and two hundred fishermen return no more.

Two Boston shopkeepers were fined $50 each for keeping their clerks employed more than ten hours.

"The Dead Line,"

Many old soldiers remember "the dead line" at Andersonville. It was a mighty dangerous neighborhood. Dyspepsia, biliousness, and liver and kidney diseases are full of perils for the sick, but *Burdock Blood Bitters* are a certain remedy. Sold everywhere.

Gen. Hancock and party arrived at Los Angeles, Cal., Friday of last week.

North Pole Expeditions,

Prize fights, lotteries, walking matches, and balloon ascensions are usually humbugs of the worst sort. *Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil* is not a humbug. It is a quick cure for aches and sprains, and is just as good for a lameness.

The Bond outrage case, at Hillsboro, Ills., will go to the jury on Monday.

Beware of Swindlers.

We have exposed during the last year many swindlers who advertise, under the name of medicine, vile compounds which only increase human suffering. To all who need a pure medicine and blood purifier, we can honestly recommend Sulphur Bitters.—*Editor Sun.*

A fire causing $400 loss occurred in a barn on Joy street, Providence, Wednesday morning.

I could scarcely speak; it was almost impossible to breathe through my nostrils. Using Ely's Cream Balm a short time I was entirely relieved. My head has not been so clear nor voice so strong in years. I recommend this admirable remedy to all afflicted with Catarrh or Colds in the head.—J. O. TICHENOR, Shoe Merchant, Elizabeth, N. J. (Price 50 cts.)

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Col. Rathbone, who murdered his wife in Germany, recently, while insane, is not dead, as reported, and may recover.

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Mrs. Ann Lacour of New Orleans, La., writes: I have a son who has been sick for two years; he has been attended by our leading physicians, but all to no purpose. This morning he had his usual spell of coughing, and was so greatly prostrated in consequence, that death seemed imminent. We had in the house a bottle of DR. WM. HALL'S BALSAM for the LUNGS, purchased by my husband, who noticed your advertisement, yesterday. We administered it according to directions and he was instantly relieved.

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Oscar Wilde intends to follow the example of his friend Mrs. Langtry, and go upon the stage as soon as he completes a volume of poems he has in hand

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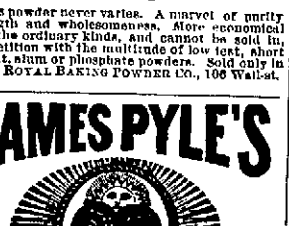

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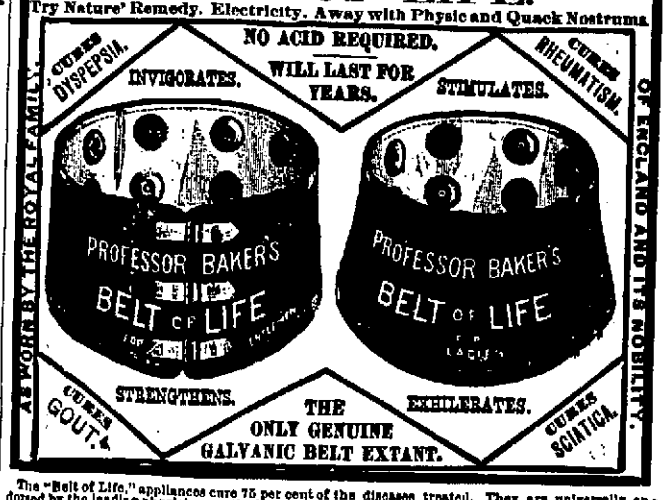

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

From all Parts of the World.

Explosion of a Gasoline Machine.

ATCHISON, Ks., Dec. 30.—Last night about half past ten o'clock, a fire broke out in the elegant new house of Charles E. Styles, agent of the Missouri Pacific Railroad. Mr. Styles' wife and child perished in the flames, and he himself was seriously burned. The origin of the fire is believed to have been the explosion of a gasoline machine in the cellar. The building was totally destroyed.

Scalded to Death.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Daniel Jennings, 30 years old, employed by the Boston Manufacturing Company, at Waltham, was terribly scalded yesterday afternoon, by steam escaping from a dye vat, and died to-day from his injuries.

Four Colored Children Burned to Death.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 30.—Near Summerton, Friday night, during their mother's absence, four colored children perished by the burning of the house.

A Blaze in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30—A fire occurred this evening in the building, Nos. 119 and 121 Monroe street, causing a loss of nearly $200 000.

Road Agents in Texas.

SAN ANGELA, Tex., Dec. 30.—The Abeline stage was halted last night near Colorado river by two masked men and the nine passengers comprising a variety troupe, were robbed of $400. The mails were not touched.

Mutiny on a Sweedish Brig.

BRISBANE, Queensland, Dec. 30.—The Sweedish brig Natal, Captain Erustrom, from Boston, July 29, has arrived here. A munity occurred on the voyage, in which the Captain and first mate were wounded and the second mate killed. The Captain shot two of the mutineers and secured three others. The latter are now in prison here.

Tragedy near Dover, Tenn.

CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 30.—Near Dover, Tenn., yesterday, Rev. Josiah Cook shot dead Mrs. Joseph Glasgow, who he thought was attempting to poison his wife.

Fatal Accident in a Jersey City Sugar Refinery.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 30—Charles Metzler was instantly killed and two other men injured to-night by the explosion of a centrifugal engine, in Matthieson & Wrecker's sugar refinery.

Fire in Jamestown, Dakota.

JAMESTOWN, D. T., Dec. 30.—This morning fire broke out in the Northwestern Hotel, and spreading rapidly, destroyed the entire block, including the Dakota House, the McGinnis block, the Northwestern Hotel, North Dakota Bank building, and several small buildings. The total loss is about $100,000.

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The first thing in starting is to have a love for your feathered pets. If the "almighty dollar" is the paramount object you may succeed in a way, but your competitors who make the "dollar" a secondary object will outstrip you in the long run and gain a more lasting reputation, because the love and pleasure of breeding fowls will impel them onward in the march of improvement without self interest being the motive power.

The second thing in starting is to procure good stock although you may have to pay a good price for them. Poor fowl are dear at any price, for your time, labor, and trouble goes for nothing, a season is lost and you have made no progress, no improvement no mark as a breeder, and no remuneration for all you have laid out, because you have made an injudicious investment in the beginning.

The third thing in starting is to have a suitable place for fowls both in summer and winter and their quarters kept scrupulously clean and well ventilated, because to neglect these things will most assuredly bring on vermin and disease, and finally losses, disgust, and discouragement with the business.

The fourth thing in starting is to feed moderately on a varied diet of grain, green and animal food suitable for the seasons and the objects in view, taking into consideration certain periods of growth when the fowls require plenty of food to aid development, and at times when they are laying to increase prolificness, because the same quantity and kinds will not do for all seasons, for they require more food of a heating nature in cold weather than they do during the warm months.

The fifth thing in starting is to select and mate the best cocks and hens for breeders. This is absolutely necessary, for if it is not done continuously, the stock will deteriorate by degrees until they become degenerate and unprofitable as thoroughbreds, because they have been worked up from unimproved stock by selection and care, and to keep up the status or the improvement of the fowls, the best and none but the best in the most essential qualities should be mated,—those of prepotent powers and possessing marked characteristics indicating strongly some excellent qualities fully equal if not superior to their sires and dams. By procuring superior parents and afterwards selecting the best specimens of their product that possess all the higher qualities of the breed, the most beneficial results will be obtained. Every breeder should know how to choose the birds he wants for breeding, and it should be done with a view to reproduce their like. The sire should possess superior form, stamina, and color, whatever these may be in the variety selected, and these qualities should come from a reliable source possessing these indicated qualities in full vigor and beauty. In choosing hens, look first for good layers, fair size, vigorous constitution, color even and pure, symmetrical form, and the most perfect in general characteristics, and you are pretty sure, as a rule, to obtain by this combination a superior progeny.

The marks upon the horns of a cow indicate her age and not, as some misguided person would have us believe, the number of calves she may have had. As these marks or rings are the same upon the horns of an ox or bull as upon those of a cow it cannot be the calves which cause them. At 2 years old a wrinkle may be found forming at the base of the horn, and as the horn grows the next year this wrinkle is easily seen. This marks three years' growth. At 5 years a second wrinkle appears. After that, one appears every year until at the age of 11 or 12 the wrinkles are smaller and closer and less conspicuous, and some of the earliest will have been worn away. The horns are no guide to the age after 13 years, nor are the teeth, as the condition of these depend upon the amount of pasturing done—the goodness or the badness of the pasture and the sandy or clayey character of the soil.

Notes and Hints.

It is poor policy to winter poor stock.

The farmer who hasn't got his tools under shelter is not smart.

The honey crop of the country last year was estimated at rising 40,000,000 pounds.

Give the hens a variety of food. Throw them a lock of early cut hay occasionally. They seem to prefer June grass or red-top.

If you would have sound horses keep their litter dry and clean. If they are allowed to stand on manure that is heating and fermenting, it will result in soft hoofs and lameness.

See to the watering of the stock. Give only pure, clean water, and if possible, do not allow it to be too cold, as ice water does not produce the best results; better have it of a moderate temperature. Do not expose the flocks to the snow and cold rain.

Those begining bee-keeping should make the acquaintance of practical bee-keepers, and above all do not be afraid to ask questions. Apiarists, like all other naturalists, are usually enthusiastic in their profession, and glad to impart knowledge.

Clear rye bran should never be fed to fowls, on account of its swelling and caking in masses in the crop, and proving fatal to chicken life not unfrequently. It will thus sodden and increase in bulk very rapidly before digesting, causing rupture of the crop, if any great quantity has been eaten.

Ordinary cattle can be bred without horns by raising the skin over the horn as signs of it first appear on the calf and applying a hot iron. Then the flap should be restored, the little wound soon heals, and the owner has a polled animal in prospect, from which hornless cattle, it is said, can be bred without any repetition of this operation. The operation is also stated to be much less painful and dangerous than castration. The hardiness of polled cattle is likely to make them popular on the plains, where such cattle are desirable, if anywhere.

Stylish Skating Costumes

There is no end to the variety of skating costumes worn this season. Some of the suits are very costly and unique, and our rinks and ponds present an animated picture of gay colors and novel styles. Whole costumes are made of crimson India cloth, trimmed with fur bands ten inches deep with very deep coachman's cape to correspond. A very stylish costume lately worn was made of silk plush; the short underskirt was in broad stripes of crimson and gold. The marquise coat of plain crimson plush opened over a vest of gold color richly embroidered. Both coat, apron and tunic were trimmed with bands of dark brown fur, with cap, muff and deep cuffs to match.

Fur is to be the wear this winter. Everything is trimmed with it—Newmarkets, surtouts, walking dresses, house robes, opera toilets, hats, caps, and quite frequently this season a bit is to be seen peeping over the tops of the boots, a la Russe. In fact, if all the fur is worn that it is prophesied will be we shall be St. Petersburg transplanted from the Neva to American shores. A continuance of snow will bring out the sleighs filled with heavy fur robes, the only thing needed to complete the illusion.

Silk tulle is in great demand this winter. It was observed at the recent grand private ball that more than a third of the ladies present wore dresses of tulle over silk or satin.

There is a growing tendency in fashionable circles to shorten the extravagant length of dress gloves.

English girls are wearing patent leather shoes with uppers made of pale yellow kid.

Hand-painted ribbons are much used on ball toilets.

Hyacinth Bulbs.

In selecting hyacinth bulbs, remember that the largest are rarely the best, and choose by preference fair sized bulbs with "a good firm crown." A hyacinth planted the first of November will take three months in blooming; one planted in January will flower in thirty days. Soil for hyacinths should be rich and contain a large proportion of sand. Keep the soil well saturated with moisture, but not too wet. A pot four or five inches in diameter is large enough for one plant; one six inches in diameter is sufficiently large for two; and one twelve inches in diameter for ten. Do not force the bulb into the soil but make a place for it with the fingers. The upper surface of the bulb should just show above the soil. Or for winter blooming the bulbs may be started in water. Let the base of the bulb just touch the water and replenish it as it is removed by evaporation. The bulbs should be kept in a cool, dark place till a couple of weeks before it is desired that they shall flower. In such a place the root formation will develop though there will be very little top formed. Some days before the blossoms are wanted remove the plant to a room where the temperature is a little less than 70 degrees.—[Exchange.

Recipes for the Table.

Clam Soup.—Four dozen clams, one quart of milk, one of water, one quarter of a cup of butter. Boil the liquor of the clams for five minutes, season with salt and pepper; put in the clams and boil one-half hour. At the end of that time add the milk which has been heated in another vessel, add the butter and stir in a little flour to thicken.

Baked Fish.—Clean, wash and wipe the fish; make a dressing of grated bread crumbs steeped in sweet milk, butter, pepper, salt, one beaten egg and herbs. Stuff the fish and sew up. Lay it in a baking-pan with one and a half cupful of water to keep it from sticking. Bake one and a half hours.

Cream Sauce.—Take one pint of cream and heat it in a vessel, set in boiling water; stir into it a tablespoonful of butter, a little salt and pepper and two tablespoonfuls of water in which the fish has baked. Let it boil up once, stirring all the while.

Potatoes a la Creme.—Put into a saucepan three tablespoonfuls of butter, a little chopped parsley, salt and pepper to taste. Stir up well until hot, add a small teacupful of cream, thicken with two teaspoonfuls of flour, and stir until it boils. Chop some cold, boiled potatoes, put into the mixture and boil up once.

Boiled Onions.—Peel and lay in cold water half an hour, then put into a saucepan with enough boiling water to cover them; cook fifteen minutes and drain off the water, re-covering with boiling water, boil until tender; season with salt, pepper and butter.

Cabbage Salad.—One head of cabbage minced fine, two hard boiled eggs, two tablespoonfuls of salad oil, two teaspoonfuls of white sugar, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of salt, one teaspoonful each of pepper and made mustard, one teaspoonful of vinegar, mix all together thoroughly.

Cranberry Pie.—For the pasty take one quart of flour, half pound of butter, one cupful of cold water. Wash and pick over the berries. Put into a saucepan with a little water, and simmer until they become soft. Bake with a cross bar of pastry over the top.

Roast Turkey.—For a turkey weighing from eight to ten pounds, allow one loaf of stale baker's bread, one quart of oysters, one lemon, two roots of celery and one quarter of a pound of butter. It is taken for granted that the turkey is thoroughly cleaned and wiped dry before putting the stuffing in. Crumble the bread till very fine, season with pepper and salt. Drain the oysters setting the liquor aside. Now take a very sharp knife and peel the outer rind off the lemon, being careful not to have any of the bitter and tough white skin left on; cut the peel in very fine, adding the butter and the juice of the lemon; mix the ingredients mentioned, stirring until thoroughly mixed; then proceed to stuff body and crop. A turkey of the size spoken of requires at least two hours' baking, and it should be basted frequently; the liquor of the oysters should be put in the pan when the pan is first set in the oven, and this is to be used in basting. The giblets and liver should be chopped very fine and cooked in a basin on the top of the stove, and when the gravy is made add them to it.

Stewed Mutton Steaks.—Cut the mutton in thin steaks, and put it in a sauce-pan with some salt and whole pepper, a cupful of rice or less according to the amount of meat; two onions, and water enough to cover the whole; stew it slowly, skimming it often. When the meat is tender take out the onions, lay the rice in a dish and the meat on it; pour over it what liquor remains.

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Hints for the Ladies.

Parisan dressmakers insert a small pillow bustle, stuffed with horsehair, under the plaits of the skirt in the back, attached to the waistband.

A new pelisse is in bronze velvet, embossed with large palms; velvet sash, with large tassels at the side. Russian sleeves, full at the top.

For cool days there are short, close fitting jackets in blue rigogne, trimmed in silver and black braid, and fastened with silver burnished buttons.

Embossed and gilded leather painted in oils, and with designs in relief is used for hand-bags, portfolios, belts, fans, albums and fanciful boxes.

Tailor-made dresses seen recently have no pocket welts and no cuffs. They are buttoned down the front with small buttons covered with cloth.

Boots for autumn wear have appeared with cloth tops. Black is the color for street wear, and colors matching the costume for the carriage.

Wide bracelets, heavily chased, and bangles, lace pins and dog collars of various patterns, all of solid silver, are again the height of fashion.

Plaid or striped skirts with tunics to match and a tailor-made coat of cloth or a woven jersey will be the regulation dress for school girls this winter.

Picturesque hats or short hats or short veils are worn by bridemaid's. So are little bonnets composed of the same material as the dress and trimmed with ostrich feathers.

New York milliners started out with the idea that there would be an extended employment of the narrow ribbons for bonnet ties, but, if the French models are to be followed the ribbons that meet under the ladies' chin this winter will be considerably wider than those worn during the summer.

Autumn dresses, as a rule, show ample drapery. Some of them are fashioned with a pointed bodice, below which appears a skirt with a voluminous puff at the back. Double skirts are varied in some instances, while in others, again, are displayed large plaits or gathers around the waist and over the hips.

The skirts of stylish new carriage dresses are made of heavy nuns' gray Thibet cloth, with broad side panneis, pannier drapery and pelerine of dark green or dark ruby velvet. The directoire coat of the cloth is open wide to show a Suisseior beadle vest of the velvet, with deep flap pockets adorned with handsome buttons large and bright, in regular old Continental fashion.

Basques and sleeves are made of two materials, such as silk and velvet, of the same color, oddly arranged or with utility in view as, for instance, a corsage will have a velvet yoke with silk below it or the side pieces of the basque and the lower part of the sleeves will be silk and the rest velvet; thus the parts that wear out quickly are made of the less expensive and more lasting fabric.

The new Spanish mantle, which is to take the place of the hackneyed furlined circular with those who seek for novelty in attire, is very becoming to tall, slender ladies. This wrap is uncommonly elegant and graceful, and is made of black brocaded velvet, and trimmed around the entire garment with black Russian fox. Around the neck is a very deep collar of the same fur, which covers the shoulders like a cape.

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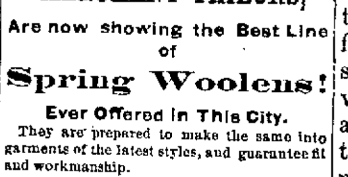

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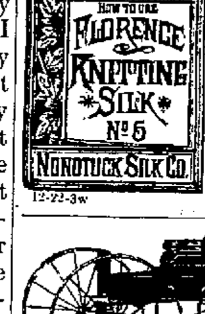

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Miscellaneous.

A Retrospect.

A good six years ago it was,
That first I knew Christine,
When I was in the Junior class,
And she was just eighteen.
Her eyes were large and brown and clear,
Her hair was golden bright;
We met at Narragansett Pier,
And I was gone at sight.

I dangled at my charmer's feet,
And dreamt of marriage bells,
I furnished sweets unto the sweet
In shape of caramels.
The likeness that within them lay
To me I did not spy,
For "every hour" quite fresh were they,
And so, alas! was I.

That summer time of long ago,
How fast it slipped away!
And I adored her more, I know,
With each succeeding day.
I had to tell her so, at last,
How sweet she looked, and fair!
The little breezes sweeping past,
Were playing with her hair.

I said if she were not my wife,
I knew that I should die;
I swore I loved her more than life,
And this was her reply:
"I like you, Jack,"—her voice was low,
Her eyes were downward bent—
"But, Jack, it wouldn't do, you know;
"You haven't got a cent!"

Confederate Anecdote of Gen. Sherman't t. man.

General Joseph E. Johnston, who commanded the Confederate forces engaged in resisting the advance upon Atlanta, once narrated the following incident, which well illustrated the impression Sherman had made upon the minds of the Southern soldiery at that time as a commander of resources and ready expedients. Johnston stood on Kenesaw Mountain, watching with his glass the movements of his enemy's wagon-trains on the great plain to the northward. A staff officer came riding up with the news that the rebel cavalry had got in the rear of Sherman's army and had burned a number of railroad bridges. The officer had been forced to make a detour of two days to get around the Union army. Scarcely had he finished speaking when a whistle was heard, and a moving train appeared in the distance, showing that Sherman had already bridged and re-opened his communications. Walking past a group of soldiers lounging in the shade, a few minutes later, the General over heard them discussing Sherman's chances of success. Said one of them:

"We'll make it a Moscow campaign and destroy his whole army."

"How can you make it a Moscow campaign without any snow?" asked his less enthusiastic comrade.

"I mean that we'll cut his communications, destroy everything, and starve him out, and then we'll burn all the bridges."

"Don't you know he carries duplicate bridges along with him?"

"Well, we'll blow up the big tunnel."

"Oh," exclaimed the other man, with a look of disgust; "you don't know old Tecumseh Sherman. He's got a duplicate tunnel too!"

Insulting an Agent.

When a Detroiter removed to Denver eight or ten years ago and went into the grocery business he naturally bethought him of insurance. One morning he called at the office of the "Great Consolidated Insurance Companies" and asked of a dapper little man who sat reading a paper, if the President was in.

"Yes, I am the man," was the reply.

"And is the Secretary here?"

"I am the man, also."

"Perhaps you are likewise the Treasurer?"

"I am, sir. And to prevent further loss of time I will add that I am also the board of directors, actuary, adjuster and cashier."

"Then you are the whole company?"

"Certainly, sir. We have tried it both ways and we find that these Western people want some one to shoot at when an insurance company doesn't too up. By consolidating everything into one man it makes a great saving of ammunition."

"What are your assets and liabilities?"

"What?"

The question was repeated.

"See here, stranger," said the astonished agent, "you must be a tenderfoot! When it is known all over Colorado that I'm raking in about $8000 per week from my three saloons and two poker-rooms, the idea of asking about liabilities is an insult. I don't want your risk, sir! Good-day, sir!"

Says a New York Society paper: Everybody is waiting for the divorce scandals. There will undoubtedly be a good crop of them in the spring, as the estrangements and disagreements in well-known families are notorious. The trouble in the Stevens family will probably excite the most attention. Mr. Stevens married a New Haven girl of enormous property, and he himself was very wealthy. He has been a leader of a certain set in society for a number of years. Miss Daisy Stevens, who is a very pretty girl, was at one time engaged to Mr. Eliot Roosevelt, but the match was broken off suddenly, and Miss Stevens went abroad.—She has now returned, and Mr. Stevens and his daughter have moved into a small house on the west side. The report is emphatically denied that Mr. Isaac Bell is the purchaser of the magnificent Stevens house on Fifth avenue and the Newport villa. The latest rumor is that Mr. Carley, the Louisville millionaire, whose daughter was one of the greatest belles at Newport last summer, has purchased both the Fifth avenue house and the villa at Newport, and that he will occupy the former next winter, and the latter during the coming summer season. Probably this is only talk. One can depend so little upon society gossip these days.

T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia, have in press and will issue in a few days a cheap edition of Mrs. Emma D. E. N. Southworth's last and greatest work, "Ishmael; or, In the Depths" (originally published in the New York *Ledger*, under the name of "Self-Made; or, Out of the Depths," proving itself to be the most popular story ever issued in that paper), in one large duodecimo volume of 718 pages, paper cover, with a portrait of Mrs. Southworth, and at the unprecedentedly low price of seventy five cents a copy, making it the largest as well as the cheapest copyright novel ever issued in book form at such a low price, and at which rate it must command thousands of readers, for Mrs. Southworth stands at the head of all female writers, and there is no American authoress whose writings receive such immediate and general circulation, everywhere.

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A Christmas Sketch.

A young man with a broad back and a sorrowful look was standing in front of the Board of Trade yesterday when an acquaintance came up and called out:

"Hello! Thomas—out of a job?"

"Yes, out of a job" was the sad reply.

"No! Why, you were porter for a wholesale house for three years past."

"Just so, but I've been discharged."

"Is that so? Have trouble with the boss?"

"No, not exactly. You see, I went into the house to work my way up. The first Christmas I ought to have been promoted to salesman, but I wasn't. The second Christmas I ought to have been offered a partnership for my faithful services, but the offer didn't come. This year I ought to have married the daughter of the senior partner and found a house and lot in my Christmas stocking, but that prospect has now departed."

"And you left?"

"Well, I overhauled the old man on the street car yesterday and intimated that I was ready to do my part, but he never let on that he knew me. This morning I was told that my services were no longer needed."

"But can the house run without you?"

"It may possibly squeeze along, but if there's a failure it must not be laid up again me. Do you know of any bank where a man can begin as watchman and work up to marry the president's widow? I think I'll try that business for a spell."

All Fixed.

An insurance agent in Nashville who was applied to by a small dealer in clothing for insurance on his stock, inquired:

"Did not your brother Isaacs burn out in Atlanta, and did they not find kerosene sprinkled all over the floors?"

"Yes, dot vas Isaacs, but didn't he proof dat a baull of kerosene busted on him?"

"And didn't your brother Moses burn out in Charleston, and didn't they find a bonfire down cellear?"

"Yes, dot vhas Moses; but he satisfied the shmy dot he lit the fire to find a leak in der water pipe."

"Was it your brother Jacob who burned out in Mobile?"

"It vhas."

"There was an explosion of powder, wasn't there?"

"Vhel Shacob said it vhas robbers who blew open his safe."

"If this company insures you and you burn out there will be a rigid investigation," said the agent.

"Vhell, dot vhas all right. If my store burns opp it vhill be found dot I vhas in Cincinnati, und dot my vhife vhas oop all night mit a corpse. I vhas a man who doun' give himself avhay."

The Newspaper at Home.

With each day that passes the newspaper grows more and more an educator, and the extent to which it has become so can hardly be realized. A few years ago it was considered a luxury, but there are a few homes now that are so poor as not to count a newspaper among its belongings. In fact, in many houses it is the principal reading. A business man, weary with care, will hesitate about beginning a book. It seems a herculean task to go through with all those pages, attractive though they may appear, but he will take up his paper, cull such articles as may strike his fancy, and then lay it down at any moment without hesitation. In the intervals of her housekeeping cares the wife catches it up and reads an article here and there to learn what is going on in the great outside world. The boy and girl want to see each day's news, and so the daily or weekly journal goes the round of the family while the book rests securely upon its shelf.

The Father of His Son.

Some years ago Hon. Alfred Conkling was introduced at a political meeting as the father of Roscoe Conkling. He was furious. "When I was yet a boy," he thundered, "my fellow-citizens began to honor me with public duties, and in my early manhood I received larger trusts and more notable proofs of the esteem and admiration of my countrymen. In the diplomatic service of the United States I won the approval of the department of state; in Congress I was the confidential friend and intimate associate of such men as Henry Clay and John Randolph, of Roanoke, and as a judge I have commanded the respect of the bar and the homage of the people. Throughout my life I have been honored, respected by all men; and now, in my old age, God pity me, I am nothing but the father of Roscoe Conkling."

It is almost invariably the case when a cashier robs, or a clerk steals, or a treasurer defaults, in any part of the country, he begs off by declaring that he speculated in Wall street and lost. It is therefore really refreshing to learn of a case in which Wall street was not to blame. It occurred in a town in Ohio, the other day. The owner of a private bank discovered a shortage of $2000, and rushed for the cashier. "Yes, I took the money," was the calm reply.

"What for?"

"To speculate in Wall street."

"And you lost it all?"

"Not much; I am just $12,000 ahead after paying you back. The money will be here by express at noon."

"By George! but you are a keener, Joe—just too sharp and shrewd for anything. Put in $10,000 and become a partner. You are a chap I can count on."—*Wall Street News.*

Mr. William Warren was playfully reproached by a lady friend at a recent reception for going so little into society. "We all want to see you," she declared. "You really ought to let us lionize you a little." "I never heard of but one man," the comedian returned, "that was not spoiled by being lionized." "Who was that?" his friend asked. "The Prophet Daniel," was the ready response.

Saturday Evening *Gazette*: "My dear said a woman of the world to a younger sister, who was fretting because her husband had grown indifferent to her, "remember this: All men are alike. If you had a dozen husbands they would each act precisely as Tom does. There is a tremendous amount of consolation in knowing it, if you'd only think so."

"Pa," said Rollo, looking up from "Roughing It," "what is gold-bearing quartz?" "Well, my son," replied Rollo's father, who was glancing in a troubled manner at the milkman's bill for October, "when a man sells diluted water for nine cents a quart, I think he has struck better gold bearing quartz than ever Mr. Mark Twain dreamed of."—*Hawkeye Dots.*

She—"I am fond of poetry." He—"Are you, indeed? So am I. Do you like Burns?" She—"No, indeed; they are so extressing. But, then, I am not troubled much with them, as ma does all the cooking."

An eminent historian traces base-ball back to the time when Rebecca went down to the well with a pitcher and caught Isaac.

"Pressness Vhas Shady."

A few days ago a clothing dealer in one of the cities up the lake shore opened the door for a customer who laid a bundle on the counter and began:

"Two months ago I bought this 'ere suit of clothes of you."

"Oxactly, my frendt, und it doan' fit."

"I bought it to bury my brother in. Perhaps you remember the circumstance?"

"Oxactly—mit der greatest pleasure.—Vhell, did you dig him oop und take off der clothes?"

"No, sir: My brother lay in a trance for four days and then came to life and is now perfectly well."

"Vhat a shame to act like dot! Und so he doan' vhant der clothes."

"No; they are too small for him. Being as he never wore them we thought you might take the suit back and return the money."

"Dot vhas omposslbis, my frendt."

"Why?"

"Vhell, dot vhas not only against all der rules of commerce, but such a practice would bust a peesness all oop."

"I paid you $15; can't you give me twelve?"

"Omposslbis."

"Say ten."

"My frendt, you doan' know how dis clothing peesness vhas. You bought dot suit eight weeks ago?"

"I did."

"Vhell, right away after dot dere vhas an awful decline in wool. Next comes some big failures in Rochester und New York.—On top of dot I sell oudt to my brudder. Den my brudder assigns to my wife. Den cotton goes down und my wife assigns to me. Shust now der clothing market vhas shaky, und only an hour ago I gif my brudder a shattel mortgage to secure a loan of $300."

"Hay eight dollars for the suit."

"I couldn't do it. If you like to leaf it und take a four-dollar ofercoat I shut my eyes so dot I doan' see you take it avay und haf to tell my brudder dot we doan' make enough profit to pay our gas-bills."

"I'll never do that—never!"

"Vhell, dot vhas for you to say. If your brudder vhas a man be dise vhen his time comes und not make all dis confusion. I doan' keep sthore for men into trances and come to life. Good-bye! I like to oblige, but peesness vas too shaky."

"I'll never trust old Jones again," remarked Rattler in the presence of his daughter and wife; "Iv'e dunned and dunned him, and he always offers some excuse instead of money toward settling his bill." "I've heard others say the same thing about him," rejoined Mrs. R. "Poor man," said little Mary, "he's real sick now; his little boy told me so at school to-day. He has got the—got the—." "Pay rarely sis, isn't it, Mary?" said her father, quizzically.

"I want's to know," said an old negro, addressing his wife, "whar yer got dat goose?"

"Ain't it a good goose?"

"Yes; but whar did yer get it?"

"Now, Silvey, yer knows dat I 'longs ter de church. Whar did yer s'pose I got it?"

"Stole it?"

"Dat's it, chile. I knowed dat yer didn't step aside very fur from yer teachin'."

One Conclusion.—"You said you were going to vote for me," indignantly exclaimed a defeated candidate, addressing Mike, the well-known Irishman.

"An' didn't I vote fur ye?"

"No, you didn't."

"Well, sor, in that swint, there's only one conclusion that I kin arrive at?"

"And what is that?"

"That I towld ye a lie, sor."

"So Perkyns has lost his eyesight, has he?" said 'Squire McGill at the store the other night. "Yes, and he can't hear much." "Wonder what he'll do for a livin' now?" "Oh, he's going down to Connecticut and get a job as a detective."

"Is this your dog, John?" "No, he belongs to 'Squire Smith. And between you and me he's a deal smarter than his owner." "Yes, there are dogs of that sort. I have had several myself."

It is reported from Connecticut that a resident "recently saw several schooners in a mirage." Mirage is evidently the Connecticuse for "saloon."

How a woman can keep on talking while she twists up her back hair and has her mouth full of hairpins is a mystery not yet explained.

"I'm at your service, madam!" said the polite burglar when caught with his arms full of silverware.

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NEWPORT COUNTY NEWS.

PORTSMOUTH.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 26, the friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Carter, met at Mrs. Carter's house where a Christmas tree bountifully supplied with presents was found, which were to be distributed later in the evening; at about seven o'clock a loud ringing of bells was heard, and the smaller part of the party were somewhat astonished to see old Santa Claus himself enter, well covered with presents for the children, he did not make a very loud stop because he said, he had many more places to visit before morning, which satisfied the younger portion of the party, so wishing them a happy Christmas, he left them all in good spirits, the work of stripping the tree then began, which took about an hour and a half, there being about four hundred presents on the tree. It being very bad traveling therefore a large part of the guests were not able to get there at all, but were all remembered by the kind host and hostess. The part of Santa Claus was enacted by Mr. Dennis Murphy, and was well carried out. Mr. Murphy being a very amiable young man.

Miss Beckie Durfee, daughter of Stephen Durfee of Portsmouth, became the recipient of a handsome Taylor & Farley organ for a Christmas present from Mr. Stephen Albro, an uncle of Miss Durfee.

On Monday at half-past 1 o'clock brief funeral services of Mr. J. B. Stoddard were held at the house of his son, J. Henry Stoddard, Esq. They were conducted by the Rev. Benjamin H. Chase, rector of St. Paul's Church. Immediately after the remains were taken to Bristol Ferry Station and put on board the 3:20 train for South Weymouth, Mass., the home of the deceased, the relatives going by the same train. Further services were to be held at the above named place, where the deceased was to be buried. Messrs. Robert D. Hall, Robert Hicks, Lorenzo D. Watts and David D. Gifford acted as pall bearers from the house to the depot. Mr. Stoddard's age was 67 years, 2 months and 21 days, instead of 66 years as before reported.

The company for which the boring operations were performed at the coal mines, has now employed several miners, and has been mining in the north shaft. It is reported that they intend to take out a hundred tons or so, which will be taken away and used as a sample, probably to determine whether it is worth mining.

David D. Gifford has lost eight fine pullets by theft.

The registration has been well attended to, and but a very few that were entitled to do so have neglected their duty. At the close of the books on Monday evening there were fifty names registered, seven of which register as personal property tax-payers, the balance as registry voters. This is against twenty-two which registered last year. A few paid their dollar at the time of registering.

INSTALLATION.—On Thursday evening there was a large gathering of people at Oakland Lodge, No. 32, I. O. of O. F. to witness the installing of the elective officers for the current term.

They were installed by R. W. D. D. G. M. Henry T. Easton, assisted by James E. Weaver as R. W. G. Marshall, William L. Tilley as R. W. G. Warden, Enoch G. Young as R. W. G. Sec., Allen C. Griffith as R. W. G. Treas., Nathaniel Peckham as R. W. G. Chap., and John B. Allen as R. W. I. Guardian, viz:

N. G.—John O. C. Peckham.
V. G.—Jonathan A. Sisson.
Rec. Sec.—Chas. L. Coggeshall.
Per. Sec.—Cornelius Sullivan.
Treas.—P. G., Wm. J. Barker.
R. S. to N. G.—P. G., E. A. Coggeshall.
L. S. to N. G.—P. G., Wm. M. Sisson.
R. S. to V. G.—P. G., Wm. D. C. Main.
L. S. to V. G.—P. G., Josiah C. Gifford.
Warden.—P. G., Nathaniel Peckham.
Conductor.—George A. Brown.
I. G.—James T. Barker.
O. G.—George Calvart.
R. S. S.—P. G., Benj. Wyatt.
L. S. S.—Herbert Chase.
Chaplain.—P. G., James E. Wyatt.

The exercises were delayed by the accident which happened to the R. W. G. officers on their way from Newport, by the capsizing of the omnibus just above the two mile corner, owing to the icy state of the road, and a very strong wind, the hind part of the 'bus just slid off the road to the gutter and over it went.

No blame can be attached to the driver for the veteran S. S. Vars handled the ribbons, and is considered one of the most careful of drivers. Fortunately none of the party were seriously hurt, Mr. Albert Crosby received quite a severe sprain of the arm, and turned back accompanied by two of the party, the rest went on.

After the installation the announcement that supper was ready, which was pronounced to be very fine, as might be expected. Then followed the grand social, which was enjoyed by old and young, the music being very good indeed.

ITEMS.—The installation of the officers of Grace Lodge, No. 11, D. of R., which was to have been last Tuesday evening, was postponed on account of the unpleasant weather.

The yearly renting of the pews of the Christian church, by auction, will take place next Tuesday, the 8th inst., in the church, at one o'clock, P. M., J. A. Sisson, auctioneer.

BLOCK ISLAND.

A NEW YEARS PARTY.—Monday evening a large party of young people gathered at the Union House, where, as the guests of Miss Lillie Ball, they watched the exit of the old year and the advent of the new. Music and dancing were features of the evening, and were thoroughly enjoyed by all until "8" became "9," when they repaired to a well-spread supper table. The evening's enjoyment was kept up till 4 o'clock, when with wishes for the New Year, they bid their hostes good morning. The music was furnished by Mr. Charles Hall.

ITEMS.—Mr. C. C. Ball has moved into his new house over the Bridge store.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Ball have returned home from their wedding tour.

It seems that a new society has been formed here called the "Dude Society." Its meetings occur once a week. Its last meeting was at Mrs. C. W. Willis'.

Schooner Sharp Shooter arrived here Saturday evening, with 4000 bricks and 3600 tons of hay, for Mr. C. C. Ball.

An oyster supper given at the Connecticut House, Tuesday evening, by the First Baptist church, was a grand success.

NEW ENGLAND ITEMS.

RHODE ISLAND.

Wind blew down the electric lighting apparatus in front of a store in Pawtucket, the other day, causing the destruction of a pane of glass in a show-window which cost between $350 and $400.

Wickford was swept by a small gale, last Friday morning, trees being blown down, chimneys toppled over, and in one instance a house unroofed.

Hezekiah Anthony, one of the old retired merchants of Providence, died in that city on Thursday night, Dec. 27th, at the ripe age of nearly ninety-six years.

The new repair shops of the Providence and Worcester Railroad at Valley Falls have been completed and occupied. They are ten in number, and comprise all the modern improvements.

In the Supreme Court on Saturday afternoon, in the case of Gorham P. Pomeroy, assignee, v. Evan Randolph and J. Cook Langstreth of Philadelphia, a decree was entered enjoining the respondents from attempting to vote upon certain shares of the capital stock of the Quidneck Company as assignees of William Sprague, Amasa Sprague, Fanny and Mary Sprague.

Gossip is busy with the name of Samuel C. Blodgett, the alleged defaulter, now that he has fled. It is now said that he appropriated $9000 belonging to his daughter, Mrs. Dunnell of Pawtucket.

The Hazard family has brought an equity suit for the recovery of $250,000 worth of the best part of the Narragansett Pier property. Atmore Robinson of Wakefield and his sons of New York are the respondents.

Conway Brown, son of Henry W. Brown of Woonsocket and a member of the Freshman class in Harvard College, shot himself dead at the house of a friend in Providence, where he was spending the holidays. He was alone in the room and it is not known whether accident or design caused his death.

CONNECTICUT.

Because of recent mysterious visits to New London and careful re-surveys of railroad routes, by the officials in the proposed bridge movement, the people of that city think that their beautiful river will soon be spanned, and the "greatest navy yard in the country" made an impossibility forever.

The oldest house in Windham County, built in 1710, was burned at Thompson last week. It was once famous as the "Brass Bull Tavern," from its sign, a small bull of hammered brass. It was once a prominent station on the New York, Hartford & Boston turnpike stage route.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Fall River Herald has furnished $30,000 bonds in the libel suit brought against it, and the attachments have been dissolved.

The Springfield Republican publishes a carefully gleaned review of the year's business in western Massachusetts, from which it appears that the outlook for 1884 is, on the whole, satisfactory. The cotton and woollen interests are slack, but the report shows that the strength of the community lies in the diversification of its industries.

The amount expended on the improvements in Nantucket harbor during the year is $22,509 73, and the outstanding liabilities are $14,051.42. On July 1, 1883, the amount available was $34,231, and it is estimated that $124,000 will be required for the completion of the project, of which $60,000 can be profitably expended in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885.

The body of Milo Winchester of Clinton, who mysteriously disappeared a week ago, has been found in the Nashua River. He had cut his throat with the razor which he took with him on the morning that he left home. He was about 55 years of age and leaves a widow and one son.

At the closing City Government meeting in Fall River Friday evening the salary of the Mayor was fixed at $2000, and that of the Aldermen at $100 each.

The Standard says that an eccentric Sunday School teacher in New Bedford made one of his scholars a Christmas present of a pack of playing cards.

Fall River has reduced its debt $60,000 this year.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Portsmouth Chronicle says that a well from which the residents of Pleasant Point have drawn water for three-quarters of a century has suddenly become as salt as brine.

Mrs. H. C. Sturtevant of Concord had one of her arms frightfully burned on Saturday by the upsetting of a kettle of hot fat.

It was a bright Post Office clerk in Manchester who divined that a letter bearing on its envelope the superscription, "Mr. Blank, Amelfil, Contes, Eomchire," belonged in Enfield.

T. E. Potter and H. W. Mason, of Portsmouth have purchased a controlling interest in Chase's Pond, at York, Me., ten miles distant, proposing among other things to introduce water into this city to supply the inhabitants. The pond contains 800,000,000 gallons, sufficient to supply Portsmouth for 1600 days. The project is feasable, and will be carried out soon.

MAINE.

A young man in Hallowell, went to bed one night and slept soundly. On waking in the morning he was astonished to find that he was almost entirely bereft of his hearing. He sought medical advice in Portland, but at last accounts there was no change for the better and there was serious danger that he might lose his hearing entirely.

There will be three murder trials in Maine within the next four weeks. Hopkins and Turner at Bath, for the Richmond outrage; Wilkinson in the same city for the murder of the Bath policeman, and Blaney, with Mrs. Barrows, for the murder of Thomas Barrows of Kittery, at Saco. Rum did it in one of these cases; domestic infelicity caused another of the murders, and momentary fear and cussedness the other.

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Weekly Almanac.

JANUARY, 1884.	Sun rises	Sun sets	Moon rises	High water
5 SATURDAY,	7 30	4 41	morn.	1 08
6 SUNDAY,	7 30	4 42	0 39	1 57
7 MONDAY,	7 30	4 43	1 52	2 53
8 TUESDAY,	7 29	4 45	3 0	3 50
9 WEDNESDAY,	7 29	4 46	4 9	5 03
10 THURSDAY,	7 29	4 47	5 12	5 37
11 FRIDAY,	7 29	4 48	0 10	6 30

First Quarter, 5th day, 11h. 23m. morning.
Full Moon, 12th day, 5h. 30m. morning.
Last Quarter 20th day, 12h, 37m. morning.
New Moon, 23th day, 8h, 2m. evening.

Married.

In this city, 2d inst., at the residence of Mrs. Ruth M. Franklin, the bride's aunt, by Rev. Warren Randolph, Mr. Edward Lillibridge of Richmond, R. I., to Miss Abby B. Almy, of South Kingstown.

In Middletown, 12th ult., by Rev. J. Mather, George A. Brown, of Portsmouth, to Miss Julia Nietta Smith, of Middletown.

Died.

In this city, 29th ult., Herbert S., son of Matilda T. and the late John O. Peckham, in the 20th year of his age.

In this city, 30th ult., Edith, widow of John Ring, aged 84 years, 3 months and 23 days.

In this city, 2d inst., William J. Ewart, aged 42 years.

In this city, 2d inst., George Albert Armstrong, in the 75th year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence at 15 Bull street, on Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

In this city, 3d inst., Catharine Sherman, wife of William Findler, and daughter of the late Alexander Jack, in the 76th year of her age.

Funeral service at the residence of her husband, corner Bellevue-ave. and Catherine st., Sunday (to-morrow) afternoon at 3 o'clock. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend without further notice. Burial at the option of the family.

At Rocky Brook, R. I., 28th ult., Julia M., widow of Thomas Peckham of this city, aged 83 years.

In Danvers, Mass., 27th ult., John Horswell, formerly of this city, in the 83d year of his age.

In New York, Dec 30th, Nicholas Geoffroy, a native of Newport, in the 75th year of his age.

In Providence, 28th ult., Nathan Monroe Brown, 80; 28th, Augustus W. Wilson, 73; 29th, Hezekiah Anthony, 95; 29th, Major Rowe, 73; 29th, Richard Robinson, formerly of Warwick, 80; 29th, George F. Sweet, 50; 30th, Herman N. Wilson, 55; 31st, Thomas Dorsey, 65; 31st, Fenner Potter, late of Cranston, 87; 31st, Henry Tilden, 75; 1st inst., Mrs. Marla A. Simonds, 53.

In Anthony, 29th ult., Rhoda Crandall, wife of Asa Crandall, aged 62 years.

In East Providence 30th ult., Lemuel Brown, aged 83 years, 8 months and 20 days.

In Pawtucket, 31st ult., Walter V. Read, 30; 31st, Cornelius Esten, 70

In Smithfield, 31st ult., Otis Mowry, aged 92 years.

New Advertisements.

INDIGNATION MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of Middletown, and all others who feel interested, that a meeting will be held at the Town Hall, in said Town, on

Wednesday, Jan. 9th,

1884, AT 7 O'CLOCK, P. M.,

To consider the acts of the Town Council in regard to the destruction of the

HIGHWAY

Leading from the foot of Honeymans Hill to Bliss road. 1-5

Aquidneck Agric'l Society.

THE ANNUAL MEETING for election of officers of the Aquidneck Agricultural Society for the ensuing year, will be held at the STATE HOUSE, Newport, on

Saturday, Jan. 12th, 1884,

at eleven o'clock. A full attendance is desired. Per order,

JOHN P. SANBORN, Secretary.

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GAS LIGHT COMPANY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders will be held at room No. 4, in the company's block, on Monday, January 14, 1884, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

1-3 WM. A. STEDMAN, Treasurer.

New England Commercial Bank.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of this Bank, held Tuesday January 1st, 1884, the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz:

James C. Swan, Augustus Goffe,
Howard Smith, Nicholas Underwood,
Harwood E. Read.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, James C. Swan was re-elected President, and N. Underwood, Cashier.

N. UNDERWOOD, Cashier.

January 4th, 1884. 1-5

Notice of Removal.

Dr. BARKER

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32 BULL STREET,

1-5 Cor. Mount Vernon Court.

Guardian's Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having been duly appointed by the Honorable Court of Probate of the city of Newport, guardian of the person and estate of ANN JANE GARD, of full age, of Newport, hereby gives notice to all persons having claims against said estate to present them within six months from the date hereof, and those indebted to make payment to him.

JOHN W. TAYER, Guardian.

Newport, R. I., Jan. 5, 1884. 1-5

New Advertisements.

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Court of Probate, City of Newport, December 31, 1883.

MARY J. PECKHAM, executrix of the last will and testament of *FELIX PECKHAM*, late of Newport, deceased, presents her final account with the estate of said deceased, and prays that the same may be examined, allowed and recorded.

It is ordered that the consideration of said account be referred to Monday, the 21st day of January 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Probate Office, in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this decree in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER, Probate Clerk.

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Court of Probate, City of Newport, Dec. 31, 1883.

GEORGE STANHOPE, guardian of the persons and estates of *Mattie M. Gladding, Nellie A. Gladding and George H. Gladding*, minors of Newport, presents his annual accounts with the estates of said minors, and prays that the same may be examined, allowed and recorded.

It is ordered that the consideration of said account be referred to Monday, the 21st day of January, 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Probate Office, in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this decree in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER, Probate Clerk.

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Court of Probate, City of Newport, December 31, 1883.

ON THE PETITION of Mary O. Bigley and Emily S. Austin, in writing, presented this day, praying that John S. Debiois, or some other suitable person, may be appointed administrator on the estate of *ELIZA G. NICOLAI*, late of Newport, R. I., deceased, intestate:

It is ordered that the consideration of said petition be referred to Monday, the 21st day of Jan., 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Probate Office in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested by publishing a copy of this decree in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER, Probate Clerk.

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Court of Probate, City of Newport, December 31, 1883.

STEPHEN B. CONGDON, executor of the last will and testament of *HENRY F. BATTEY*, late of Newport, deceased, presents his first and final account with the estate of said deceased, and prays that the same may be examined, allowed and recorded.

It is ordered that the consideration of said account be referred to Monday, the 21st day of January, 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Probate Office, in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested by publishing a copy of this decree in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

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